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Franz is back . . . just

FRANZ BECKENBAUER and Ruud Krol, two of the greatest contemporary names in world soccer are back in the thick of the action.

Krol, now playing for Roma in the Italian League, was called up for his 75th international when Dutch manager Jan Zwartkruis named his side to meet Belgium.

And Beckenbauer is back in action in the Bundesliga after his spell with New York Cosmos.

Beckenbauer made a surprise and somewhat bizarre appearance for Hamburg in their match with Stuttgart.

Named as substitute he spent the half-time interval going through a series of limbering up exercises in readiness to go on in the second period.

But when it came to getting on the pitch Beckenbauer found the going tough . . . with his way blocked by a swarm of photographers who wanted to picture the great man's return to West German soccer.

The second-half actually started without him but after half a minute he managed to battle his way through and make a triumphant entry.

Reports from West Germany says that Beckenbauer played well and was only deprived of a goal by a superb save from the Stuttgart goalkeeper.

Unfortunately it wasn't a happy ending with Hamburg losing the match 3-2.

WAS IT BULJAN ROBBERY?

A MAJOR international row is likely to blow up between Yugoslavia, Bundesliga side Hamburg and FIFA following Italy's World Cup qualifying group victory over the Yugoslavs.

The Yugoslavs had wanted to include Hamburg player Buljan in their side for this vital match but had received notification from the German side in the week preceding the match that Buljan was unfit.

But when Hamburg played at Stuttgart, on the same day as Italy met Yugoslavia, Buljan was in their line-up and in fact scored the first of their goals in a 3-2 defeat.

The international ruling authorities had made the position very clear in the recent incidents involving Football League sides and the Republic of Ireland that World Cup matches take precedence over domestic competition.

Ruled

They ruled that Tottenham, Arsenal, Coventry and Birmingham players would have to miss Football League Cup ties in England in order to play for the Republic of Ireland in their World Cup match in Paris against France.

Quite what action can be taken against Hamburg is not clear but they are certain to be thoroughly quizzed on the injury and availability of Buljan.

Hamburg were, at the time, leading the Bundesliga, though the defeat at Stuttgart enabled Bayern Munich to edge back on top.

The Italian victory over Yugoslavia means that they retained their 100 per cent record in Group Five of the World Cup.

Greek tragedy

GREEK football has been stunned by recent revelations that top clubs fielded South American players who entered the country on forged documents to evade the two-foreigners per team rule.

Panathinaikos, the 1971 Champions' Cup runners-up and who lately have parted company with the English management pair Sir Alf Ramsey and Ronnie Allen were among clubs allegedly involved — though claims refer to signings before either man joined the Athens administration.

It is said that during the years of the Colonels' regime, many South Americans claimed Greek forebears in order to play in the league.

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Widzew Lodz riding h

WIDZEW LODZ, who put Manchester United out of the UEFA Cup, are riding high having also claimed the scalp of Juventus and after 11 rounds in the League the only unbeaten First Division side, five points clear at the top ahead of champions Szombierki Bytom.

Widzew seem to have a clear edge for they drew 1-1 in the ninth round away in Bytom.

Legia Warsaw, the Polish Army team, were also going well until they came unstuck at home to Wisla Krakow at the ninth hurdle.

During the summer, 25-year-old international striker Marek Kusto of Wisla was called up for his military service and joined Legia, but Wisla beat Legia 2-0.

Legia dropped another home point, 0-0 to Widzew Lodz but then having scored only 13 goals in 10 games suddenly hit five away to Motor Lublin to leap back into second place.

In a battle between the bottom two, Odra Opole beat Gornik Zabrze 2-0 and already this pair look as if they are in for a hard winter and the likelihood of the drop.

Hard times

Gornik have really fallen on hard times having had one recent spell in the second class. They managed to score only four goals in their first 10 games and a 0-0 draw in the local derby with Ruch Chorzow, another prestigious club was hardly consolation.

The promoted clubs, Zawisza (Bydgoszcz) and Motor Lublin, are quite comfortably placed though the former won 2-1 at home to Motor in a promoted clubs battle.

They appear safe enough if only because some of the traditionally strong clubs like Gornik are floundering.

Slask Wroclaw, who have been in Europe quite often in recent seasons, are another struggling team. They were bottom when they beat Zawisza 3-1 at home.

Stal Mielec won 2-1 away to Lech Poznan where Andrej Szarmach got the winner and he followed that with two goals away to Arka Gdynia that gave Stal a 2-0 win.

In Division Two there are two familiar names heading Section A. ROW Rybnik, who five years ago had both their first team and

Dukla Praha maintain challe

DUKLA PRAHA are maintaining their challenge for the title with seven points from the last eight. They beat Slovan Bratislava 1-0 (Ladislav Vizek) and Presov 3-0 but had less than 4,000 cash customers for the two games. Away they drew 1-1 at Banska Bystrica, against the other Army side (Miroslav Gajdusek), and then when, unusually there were four away winners amongst the eight Division One games, Dukla provided one at Kosice against ZTS where Gajdusek and Zdenek Nehoda got the goals in a 2-1 win.

Sparta (Praha) and Bohemians are also well up, giving Prague their best season for some time. Sparta went top briefly after a 4-1 home win over Nitra watched by almost 9,000.

That same weekend neighbours Slavia were at home to Brno who have done very well in recent seasons under the now-departed Josef Masopust.

But Slavia attracted less than 3,000 with the game live on TV and doubtless that even affected Sparta's crowd as well as everyone else.

Excellent

Red Star Cheb, the border town team with West Germany, are still doing well after coming up last season. They pulled in almost 10,000 for the visit of Bohemians which is excellent for a town like Cheb and drew 0-0.

Their key man appears to be top scorer Vladimir Hruska topping the list with eight goals and just 23, doubtless soon to be persuaded into the army ... and Dukla Praha?

Inter Bratislava got their first away win of the season 1-0 away to Spartak Hradec Kralove the newly-promoted club but though they took the title not too long ago it looks like a quick return to Division Two for them.

But Bratislava fans, so long accustomed to being amongst the top teams, are having a lean time.

Champions Banik Ostrava are still in the hunt, pushing Sparta off the top when they beat them 2-1 at home before a crowd of more than 17,000 but they slipped up 1-2 away to Slovan where they were no doubt thinking about the European Cup in which they did extremely well to put out Dynamo Berlin after being held to 0-0 at home (1-1 away on the goals rule).

Surprises

Now comes the test for Ostrava for the next round catches them cold after their winter break and given a little luck they could have been paired with the East Germans in March when they would both have been in the same position.

ZTS Kosice and Dukla Banska Bystrica have reached the Slovak Cup Final and drawn 1-1 while in the Czech Cup there were almost nothing but surprises.

In the quarter-finals a 12,000 crowd saw Sparta go out 0-4 to Division Two Vitkovice who were unbeaten in the League at the time with a record of won nine, drawn one, lost none.

And Red Star Cheb also crashed out to another Second Division outfit, SMZ Olomouc, who pulled in 7,000 to see a 3-0 win.

Jozef Venglos is still having goalkeeper trouble with his national team and finding it tough going at the other end, too, where the traditional scorers are having a thin time.

Many fans would like him to bring in Petr Janecka of Brno who was awarded the "Best forward" trophy recently after getting 15 goals in the League last season and laying on 14 more for colleagues.

But all the indications are that the younger players who won the Olympics gold medal

EAST GERMAN pace-makers FC Carl Zeiss Jena had an excellent month, even though they dropped their only points of the season at home to 1st FC Magdeburg on a day centre-forward Joachim Streich knocked in one of two own goals that gave Magdeburg a 3-2 away win.

Left-winger Eberhard Vogel, 37 years old and a veteran of 74 internationals, is still doing well though he appears to have lost his early goal touch but Rudiger Schnuphase is still knocking in the penalties for them and they are looking good for the title.

Away to Wismut Aue, the home fans cheered Vogel off the pitch after Zeiss's 4-1 win in which Jurgen Raab scored his first goal of the season and followed it with another and in the FA Cup Zeiss won 6-0 away to get an away quarter-final with Rot Weiss Erfurt. The final will be on June 6 and the clash of the round is between FC Lokomotive Leipzig and Magdeburg.

Dynamo Dresden drew 1-1 at Rostock with international Peter Kotte getting their equaliser and then before the usual good crowd of 23,000 beat Leipzig 2-1, after being a goal down in three minutes.

Libero Dorner smacked a free-kick

Eastern Europe by ERIC BATTY

high

reserves in the FA Cup semi-final, who are heading Lechia Gdansk by one point after 10 games.

Unknown

In Section B there are unknown names Blekitni Kielce (top), Hutnik — another team from the traditional hot-bed, Krakow and Gwardia Warsaw who have been in the top class for most of the post-war period.

It seems that Second Division clubs have done better in developing their own talent recently than past giants like Ruch and Gornik for Motor Lublin occupied second place in the top flight briefly and Zawisza look safe enough too.

allenge

will have to wait a little longer. The boss knows that in the past the Czechs have had to pay for the experience the hard way when they blood newcomers and for the moment he seems to be sticking to a front line of Marian Masny, Zdenek Nehoda and Ladislav Vizek, playing the old-fashioned way with two wingers and a centre-forward.

Jurgen Croy, capped 93 times by East Germany and recalled for the 0-0 draw with Spain.

against a post before stopper Schmuck headed an equaliser just before the break and Trautmann got the winner. At home, Dresden are like Liverpool, very well supported and apparently so full of belief in themselves that they appear unbeatable.

Martin Hoffman got the only goal for Magdeburg to keep them in the running before a 15,000 crowd at home to Hallescher FC Chemie while Berliner FC Dynamo, still without star forward Hans-Jurgen Riediger, won 2-1 away to FC Karl Marx Stadt with Norbert Trieloff and 20-year-old reserve for Riediger, Bernd Schulz getting the winner. He was rewarded with a place in the Under-21 team, but they lost 1-0 to Bulgaria.

The FA Cup and the game against Spain (0-0 in Leipzig) interrupted the League programme but Dynamo also whacked in the biggest score of the season so far, beating Rot Weiss Erfurt 7-1 at home. Only 14,000 saw the game in which left-sided striker Netz got a hat-trick and Schulz chipped in with his usual goal.

Only one point covers the gap at the top between Zeiss, BFC Berlin, Dynamo Dresden and Magdeburg but the Berlin club have the best goals tally with 23 to five.

At the bottom are Sachsenring Zwickau and Stahl Riesa, both still without a win. It now looks as if star goalkeeper Jurgen Croy, 33 years old with a record 93 caps cannot keep Zwickau up any longer. He was recalled to the national team for the game with Spain but Zwickau are having trouble scoring goals and look booked.

The two newly promoted clubs, who traditionally struggle, are doing fairly well so far. FC Hansa Rostock entertained Chemie Bohlen who came up with them and won 2-0 before a crowd of 16,000 and both clubs are in mid-table and safe enough while the bottom two go without winning.

In the Under-21 Liga in which games are played before the Oberliga matches as pre-game entertainment Zeiss also top the League with a 100 per cent record.

Carl Zeiss Jena top

So far this season the crowds have averaged 11,265 in the Oberliga, slightly up on last term and since it started in 1949 the Oberliga attendances now top 68 million.

20 YEARS OF SOUTH AMERICAN SOCCER

a special report from Eric Weil

Argentina become a world power

STATISTICS show that Argentina, the first country to officialise professional soccer on the continent in 1931, is the continent's No. 1 soccer nation. They have won most South American (nations) titles — 12 (but none in the last 20 years) — and most South American club championships (Libertadores Cup) — also 12 and well ahead of second-placed Uruguay's five in a competition which curiously saw the light of day in the same year as WORLD SOCCER magazine — 1960. But it is only during those 20 years that the magazine has appeared and covered the South American scene that Argentina has become a world power in the game.

Argentina was always famous for its ball artists and it always had the potential, but for quite a number of years prior to 1960 they were content to live within their own shell in the belief that they had the best players in the world, but — absent from the World Cup since 1934 — not proving it.

The moment of truth came in 1958 when they returned to World Cup competition in Sweden and more specifically the 6-1 defeat by Czechoslovakia there . . . still remembered here as the "Disaster of Sweden." It brought home the realisation that having the best players was not enough, that organisation and continuity was needed to match the Europeans and that Argentina sadly lacked it.

But Argentina's climb to the top as World Cup holders did not really span these 20 years as coaches continued to come and go and so did players . . . many of the stars being continually lured abroad for better wages and conditions. More specifically the climb to the top spanned the last six years during which Cesar Menotti has been in charge of the national team and, whatever his merits or failings, there has been the continuity and organisation lacking before . . . as well as a ban on transfers abroad on current internationals.

In league soccer these 20 years have brought the realisation that only a strong national league will pay its way and form the basis for a strong national team, rather than the Buenos Aires centralised first division.

But it is a tough struggle which still continues. In 1967 the "national championship" was started, but it continues to take second place in importance and playing time to the first division. Even today the national championship includes 16 first division clubs which qualify merely by avoiding relegation that season, seven teams from fixed centres where good gates are assured and only five other teams which qualify through open regional competitions.

Opposition comes from two fronts — Buenos Aires clubs jealous of their first division place and provincial leagues which do not want to lose their strongest clubs — an example being this year's lengthy struggle to incorporate Telleres Cordoba into the first division as the first club to qualify under a new rule by reaching the finals of the national championship twice in three years.

The first division dominance of half a dozen big clubs — mainly River Plate and Boca Juniors — has gradually declined, but one of them has continued to win all but four titles during the last 20 years . . . and River Plate, with the strongest squad, dominate. Although they went 18 years without a title — between 1957 and 1975 — they were runners-up seven times (and four times in the "national") during that period, starting in 1975, they have taken four first division (including 1980), and two national championship titles.

Their style is attack, but the majority of teams favour defence and counter-attack and this year River Plate — obsesses with winning the Libertadores Cup which has so far eluded them — are going more on the defensive too . . . a club trend not shared by the national team.

BRAZIL dominated at least the first half of the 20-year period, winning the World Cup for the second time in Chile in 1962 and again in Mexico in 1970. They also had what a recent poll of sports writers from all over the world (organised by the Argentine "El Grafico" sports magazine) confirmed — the world's best-ever club team in Santos . . . and, of course, the incomparable Pele.

But they also had, for South America, the best organisation of their soccer as far as training national teams and running domestic soccer competitions was concerned to tap an unfathomable source of ball artists . . . not an easy job in such a vast country.

They tapped it to a point, because in this big country — 64 times the size of England — the main professional soccer centres are Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, so much so that for many years the champions of the two leagues played against each other for a national title of sorts. But the very first year a truer form of national championship was played — in 1966 — a club coming from neither of the two centres won it — Cruzeiro of Belo Horizonte.

Santos, winners of eight out of 10 Sao Paul championships from 1960 onwards — but only one national title (1968) and two Libertadores Cups (1962-3) as they were more interested in parading their skills all over the world for hard cash than in these competitions — gradually passed . . . and so did Pele. Brazil never found another Pele in the 70's, but that was not the basic reason for their comparative decline as they continued to have many outstanding players.

Firstly, the national championship grew and grew to encompass more and more clubs (partly for political reasons) — last year it was 92 — apart from the usual provincial championships and clubs were faced with playing twice or more a week regularly. This cut across and overshadowed national team preparations and resulted in players being saturated long before they put on the Brazilian national team jersey — the main complaint of last-but-one national coach Claudio Coutinho.

Secondly, the pressure to do well internationally increased with the decline, making it very difficult for a coach to get on with his job, resulting in frequent changes of coach and tactics. It came to a stage when Brazil, in desperation, tried to copy Europe's harder play and defensive tactics which curbed the natural ability and ball artistry of the Brazilian player.

The Brazilian Sports Confederation (CBD) had been in charge of professional soccer and all other sports in the country for years, but the game grew too big for it — as did its organisation and internal politics did not help. Now a Brazilian Football Federation has been formed to take charge of the professional game. Domestic competitions are gradually being streamlined and a new coach — Tele Santanas — took over the national team this year. But perhaps it is too early to expect any signs that Brazil is climbing back to the top.

BOLIVIA'S claim to soccer fame lies in occasional upset results at home such as winning the South American Championship in 1963 and for example, beating Argentina (not with a full-strength team) and Brazil in the South American Championship last year, because the country's altitude leaves visiting players short of breath.

But the 1960-80 period has not seen them in any of the five Wold Cup competitions . . . nor anywhere else outside the continent.

A transformation of their domestic soccer, run by associations in different regions, towards a professional major league is meeting teething troubles, but may eventually produce teams which might make more of a mark in the South American club championship as a result of leading clubs becoming stronger, although at the moment most of them depend directly on official entities such as the armed forces, airline companies, workers unions, oil companies, etc.

The Strongest and Jorge Wilsterman (four titles each), Bolivar (3) and Oriente Petrolero (2) have stood out in the league over the last 20 years, but they are virtually unknown away from home.

Pele and World Cup (Jules Rimet trophy) . . . Brazil never found another Pele, but that is not the only reason for their decline.

CHILE has never quite lived up to its promise shown at the start of the 20-year period when they managed to place third in the 1962 World Cup finals played on home ground.

They did qualify for the finals again in 1966 in England and 1974 in West Germany — which was not too surprising as for 1966 they had to eliminate Colombia and Ecuador and for 1974 only Peru — but in the finals they were merely also-rans.

The Chilean fan — more than any other in South America perhaps — continues to appreciate good soccer above all else which made the country a profitable place for any kind of international tournament until political and consequent economic upheavals put a stop to it. As a result, some star players went abroad and the pretentious Chilean fans, finding that local teams could not offer them the high class soccer they sought after, gradually turned their backs to the game.

Today Chilean soccer is in the midst of a financial crisis in spite of the introduction of government-run soccer pools to help the clubs. The country's most popular club, Colo Colo — although not so much on the field with only five titles in the last 20 years — is curiously the worst hit.

Unable to pay its debts in the region of three million dollars, it has been intervened by the Chilean FA to stop it from extinction — which would be a major disaster for Chilean professional soccer.

Bad club management — a common fault in South American soccer — is to blame also and the Chilean FA is taking drastic measures to keep the game financially sound. There is even talk of re-distributing clubs in different areas to avoid too many being close together as in the case of Santiago, the capital.

But all in all, the standard of Chilean soccer remains on a level in accordance with its population in comparison to other South American countries, although few new stars have appeared to replace such international stalwarts as defender Elias Figueroa and striker Carlos Cazsely for example.

COLOMBIA, who launched their professional soccer with a bang around the 50's with a pirate league which lured some of the world's international stars — also from England — without paying transfer fees as they were outside FIFA, continues to have its soccer largely foreign orientated with a predominance of Argentines.

Soccer in Colombia is, first and foremost, a spectacle and needs foreign players to keep it going. As Colombia is not exactly a land of plenty, they have to do with second-raters and has-beens although as the Dimayor (major league) has gradually grown in strength, so has the quality of the imports. This has made it appear that Colombian club soccer — with its clubs usually doing well in the Libertadores Cup — is stronger than its national team.

A statistic of the number of foreign players on the books of its 14 professional major league clubs — spread all over the country at the best venues to get good gates — is meaningless as the ruling permitting clubs to line up only three foreigners in a game has resulted in many of them taking out Colombian nationality. The authorities recently published a list of 40 such players — headed by 28 Argentines who also form the largest group of other foreign players in the league, while the season started with 11 of the 14 clubs under foreign coaches, six of them Argentine.

Lately the Colombian national team under, guess what, an Argentine coach — Carlos Bilardo of Estudiantes de La Plata Libertadores Cup "fighting" fame — has also shown signs of strength, helped by some naturalised foreigners and today they could be ranked third on the continent behind Argentine and Brazil and level with Uruguay, Chile and Peru.

Financial considerations of pro clubs — who are more like limited companies as in England — however make it hard to place primary importance on the national team as Colombia's league championship is among the longest in South America with barely a close season in between. Two championships are played — with clubs playing 26 games in each — followed by an eight-team quarter-final round (in two groups) and a four-team final round. Any club reaching the latter will have played 64 league games in the season apart from participating in profitable international tournaments or tours as most clubs do.

No single club dominates the league now as Millionarios of Bogotá used to do in the early days and the league fight is generally very tight . . . and Colombia now felt big enough soccer-wise to claim, and get, the staging of the 1986 World Cup finals, although here this emerging soccer country may have bitten off a bit more than it can chew. (Colombia only reached the World Cup finals once — in 1962 — by beating only Peru.)

ECUADOR continues to be one of the poor relations of South American football, but they finally made their World Cup debut for the 1962 competition with the record of having been the country to have finished bottom most often in the South American championship.

The fact that they won their first-ever qualifying match in the World Cup, against no less than Argentina by 6-3 at home and then went out on goal aggregate to their only group rivals by losing the away leg 5-0 is due to the country's altitude, specially Quito, which — as in the case of Bolivia — has given them a number of international successes at home. Even with this advantage however, Ecuador's clubs have rarely made any impression on the South American club championship, better known as the Libertadores Cup.

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ARGENTINA
First Division

1960: Independiente	—
1961: Racing Club	—
1962: Boca Juniors	—
1963: Independiente	—
1964: Boca Juniors	—
1965: Boca Juniors	—
1966: Racing Club	—
1967: Estudiantes de La Plata	Independiente
1968 San Lorenzo	Velez Sarsfield
1969: Cahcarita Juniors	Boca Juniors
1970: Independiente	Boca Juniors
1971: Independiente	Rosario Central
1972: San Lorenzo	San Lorenzo
1973: Huracan	Rosario Central
1974: Newell's Old Boys	San Lorenzo
1975: River Plate	River Plate
1976: Boca Juniors	Boca Juniors
1977: River Plate	Independiente
1978: Quilmes	Independiente
1979: River Plate	River Plate

URUGUAY
First Division

National Champ.	
—	Peñarol
—	Peñarol
—	Peñarol
—	Nacional
—	Peñarol
—	Peñarol
—	Nacional
Independiente	Peñarol
Velez Sarsfield	Peñarol
Boca Juniors	Nacional
Boca Juniors	Nacional
Rosario Central	Nacional
San Lorenzo	Nacional
Rosario Central	Peñarol
San Lorenzo	Peñarol
River Plate	Peñarol
Boca Juniors	Defensor
Independiente	Nacional
Independiente	Peñarol
River Plate	Peñarol

BRAZIL
National Championship

1960:	—	Carioca League	Sao Paulo State League
1961:	—	America	Santos
1962:	—	Botafogo	Santos
1963:	—	Botafogo	Santos
1964:	—	Flamengo	Palmeiras
1965:	—	Fluminense	Santos
1966:	Cruzeiro (B. Horizonte)	Flamengo	Santos
1967:	Palmerias (S. Paulo)	Bangu	Palmeiras
1968:	Santos	Botafogo	Santos
1969:	Palmeiras (S. Paulo)	Botafogo	Santos
1970:	Fluminense (Rio)	Fluminense	Santos
1971:	At. Mineiro (Minas Gerais)	Vasco da Gama	Sao Paulo
1972:	Palmeiras (S. Paulo)	Fluminense	Sao Paulo
1973:	Palmeiras (S. Paulo)	Flamengo	Palmeiras
1974:	Cruzeiro (B. Horizonte)	Flamengo	Santos
1975:	Internacional (P. Alegre)	Flamengo	Palmeiras
1976:	Internacional (P. Alegre)	Fluminense	Sao Paulo
1977:	Sao Paulo	Fluminense	Palmeiras
1978:	Guarani (S. Paulo)	Vasco da Gama	Corinthians
1979:	Internacional (P. Alegre)	Flamengo	
		Flamengo	Corinthians

Ecuador's big year was in 1965 when in preliminary group play for the 1966 World Cup finals they jointly headed their group on points with Chile (ahead of Colombia) and then lost 2-1 in a play-off in Lima (which is situated at sea level). For the next World Cup (1970 they gained just one point from their four preliminary group matches, for 1974 two points and for 1978 one again.

There continues to be few players of real quality like Spencer who shone with Uruguay's Peñarol in the early 60's and in recent years, when Quito's Nacional — a club run by the armed forces and relying exclusively on home-bred players — dominated the league (winning the title in 1976/7/8), virtually its whole team was put into the national squad. In other clubs a few Argentine second-rate players have become stars, indicating both the standard and the financial standing of the game there.

Ecuador does have however what could be termed the most exciting league set-up. Clubs are divided into 10-team A and B divisions playing two 18-game championships a season and with promotion and relegation between the two divisions twice a season. In each championship the top three of the A division qualify for a final round played at the end of the season in which they start with three, two or one bonus points taken from each championship according to their final position.

PARAGUAY are the current South American champions — a title they won last year (for the second time) when World Cup holders Argentina decided to go into the competition with an experimental B team.

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First division champions Olimpia also won the Libertadores Cup last year — the first time a Paraguayan club has achieved this — and went on to win the Europe-South American Cup against the Central American champions.

The two titles had a lot to do with each other, because a majority of the same players were involved . . . and an important reason was that a Uruguayan coach, Luis Cubillas, who took over Olimpia at the beginning of 1979, made the players train harder and more often than any club in Paraguay had ever done before.

Paraguayan soccer is still not wholly professional. Most players are poorly paid and have to take on other jobs which limits their training time to a certain extent. Outstanding players are glad to move to foreign clubs and their clubs are glad to sell them. Thus Paraguayan soccer will never really make its mark internationally while this situation exists . . . and it is the main reason why Olimpia, the club which has won most league titles, also over the last 20 years (9), is now struggling in the bottom half of the table with some of its key players gone.

Recent international successes have however made Paraguay hungry for more. A ban on transfers abroad of internationals was expectedly not accepted by the clubs, but nevertheless Paraguay, who failed to qualify for any of the five World Cup tournaments during the last 20 years, hope to put an end to this dismal sequence next year when they face Chile and Ecuador in qualifying group matches for Spain 1982.

PERU returned to World Cup soccer for the 1962 competition (after being absent since the first edition in 1930 when no qualifying matches were played and they lost both their matches in Montevideo), but they did not qualify for the finals until 1970 — their big year in the last 20 when they had probably their best team ever coached by former Brazilian World Cup star Didi.

Here it was also a case of the Peruvian players having to train harder and accept more discipline than ever before . . . and since. The team knocked out Argentina in preliminary group play and reached the last eight in Mexico before being beaten by eventual champions Brazil 4-2 in a memorable match.

The trouble is that Peru found few other players of the same calibre since then, nor another coach like Didi to guide them — they tried to lure him back the other day — and although these players were good for further international honours such as winning the South American championship in 1975 (when Argentina and Brazil also did not field their best teams) and again reaching the last eight in the last World Cup after eliminating Scotland on the way, their best days are now definitely behind them.

Peru's domestic soccer is better organised than most in South America with a truly national championship of 16 clubs into which the amateur champion is promoted while the bottom team returns to some sort of amateur status. But gates are falling and so is the standard of play with virtually the same old stars such as defender Chumpitaz (now 36) and midfielder Cubillas (31) and others who shone in 1970 still being considered for

COLOMBIA
Prof. League

1960:	Independiente-Santa Fe
1961:	Millonarios Bogotá
1962::	Millonarios Bogotá
1963:	Millonarios Bogotá
1964:	Millonarios Bogotá
1965:	Deportivo Cali
1966:	Independiente-Santa Fe
1967:	Deportivo Cali
1968:	Union Magdalena (Sta Marta)
1969:	Deportivo Cali
1970:	Deportivo Cali
1971:	Independiente-Santa Fe
1972:	Millonarios Bogotá
1973:	Nacional Medellin
1974:	Deportivo Cali
1975:	Independiente-Santa Fe
1976:	Nacional Medellin
1977:	At. Junior Barranquilla
1978:	Millonarios Bogotá
1979:	America de Cali

CHILE
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	Universidad de Chile
	Wanderers
	Universidad de Chile
	Colo Colo
	Union San Felipe
	Colo Colo
	Union Española
	Huachipato
	Union Española
	Everton
	Union Española
	Palestino
	Colo Colo

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	Galicia
	Valencia
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	Portuguesa
	Portunguesa
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	Portuguesa
	Tachira

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1961:	Municipal
1962:	Chaco Petrolero
1963:	The Strongest
1964:	The Strongest
1965:	Municipal
1966:	Jorge Wilsterman
1967:	Jorge Wilsterman
1968:	Bolivar
1969:	Universitario
1970:	Chaco Petrolero
1971:	Oriente Petrolero
1972:	Jorge Wilsterman
1973:	Jorge Wilsterman
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1976:	Bolivar
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	Lig. Dep. Univers.
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	Nacional Quito
	Emelec

PARAGUAY
First Division

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	Cerro Porteñ0
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	Cerro Porteñ0
	Guarani
	Olimpia
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PERU
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	Sporting Cristal
	Alianza Lima
	Alianza Lima
	Universitario
	Alianza Lima
	Universitario
	Universitario
	Sporting Cristal
	Universitario
	Sporting Cristal
	Universitario
	Sporting Cristal
	Defensor Lima
	Universitario
	Alianza Lima
	Union Huaral
	Alianza Lima
	Alianza Lima
	Sporting Cristal

international honours. The stars are grouped in a few — at the moment two — richer clubs who can pay better wages, such as champions Sporting Cristal who are backed by a brewery.

URUGUAY, once South America's soccer miracle in view of its international success despite its under three million population — two World Cups (1930, 1950), 11 South American championships (only headed by Argentina with 12) — has been in the doldrums for a long time.

True, they won the South American title for the 11th time in 1967, but it was played entirely in Montevideo. True, Uruguayan clubs have the second highest total of wins in the Libertadores Cup — five — behind Argentina's 12, but their club soccer continues to be dominated entirely by two strong Montevideo clubs — Peñarol and Nacional — who have qualified almost every year for the cup.

But after Uruguay were fourth in the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico, they finished bottom of the first round group in 1974 in West Germany and failed to qualify for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina after finishing behind Bolivia in their group.

At home, during the last 20 years a small club — Defensor — did manage to win the first division title for the first time since the start of professional soccer in 1933, but Peñarol (12) and Nacional (7) shared the other 19 championships. Only these two clubs draw reasonable gates and Montevideo's Centenario stadium is only filled when they face each other. The other clubs have to sell players regularly to survive — either to the two "big ones" or abroad if they can and this constant drain on Uruguayan soccer has left its mark and the standard of play is poor.

The bright spot on the horizon was Uruguay's winning of the South American Junior Championship last year (albeit played in Montevideo) although in Tokyo a few months later it was second-placed Argentina who won the Junior World Cup finals for which both had qualified. Many of these young players are already making their mark in the first division — into which they are rushed because of a shortage of long-standing stars — and Uruguay hopes to show it is on the way back in the "Little World Cup" tournament starting there at the end of the year in which former World Cup winners are participating.

VENEZUELA is the only country in South America where soccer is not the most popular sport. The ranking is still held by baseball.

And while the game has an appreciable following, mostly from foreign communities (Italians, Portuguese, Spaniards, etc.), it has made no appreciable advance in the last few years. Venezuela, of course, were the last country on this continent to join FIFA in 1952, a championship has been played only since 1956 and this has now grown to 12 clubs — a figure at which it has recently remained static . . . as has the country's soccer as a whole.

Clubs have owners as in US baseball and they aim to make money . . . which they are hardly doing these days. But to draw the crowds they have to buy players abroad and the price they can pay mainly gets them second-raters and stars past their best. But with the standard of Venezuelan soccer being the lowest in South America, these players can still make a mark.

At international level Venezuela has, of course, done nothing because so many foreigners fill their teams — until recently there was no limit — and because club owners are reluctant to release their players for the national team.

At club level only one team — Portuguesa (champions five years running from 1974 to 1978) — held its own with clubs from other countries, reaching the semi-final stage of the Libertadores Cup once, but their line-up was packed with foreign players and their wage bill was higher than gate receipts which put them into deep financial trouble last year and they were forced to reduce their playing strength.

Twenty years hence it may be another story . . .

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1986–COLOMBIA WILL DO IT . . .

TEN years after asking for the 1986 World Cup finals and six years after FIFA chose Colombia to be the venue, the country's government has finally decided that it will stage them. After years of controversy and studies made by a variety of committees, President Julio Cesar Turbay made the official announcement in October after a parliamentary committee had studied financing of the event — estimated to cost close to three million dollars — and presented the following plan:

a) Three per cent of the national budget from 1981 to 1986; b) 10 per cent of government auctions; c) A special stamp issue; d) Special lotteries; e) Football pools; f) Over-price on admission tickets to soccer matches.

A few weeks earlier things had looked black when President Turbay came out openly against holding the event as the cost could not possibly come out of the government's budget. The parliamentary committee disagreed as they also disagreed with an FA project that the private sector could finance the event.

If private concerns paid for the World Cup finals and installations, they said, the profit would also go to them instead of the government and any installations built would also remain private. The Colombian FA, in any case, argued that if the government now withdrew its support, it would be too late to do anything.

After all the controversy, the official decision to hold the finals was well received by most quarters. According to plans, the capital, Bogotá, will be the main centre and matches will also be played in Medellin, Cali, Barranquilla, Bucaramanga and Pereira.

In **Uruguay** meanwhile, organisers of the "Little World Cup" tournament to be held in Montevideo from December 30 to January 10 with the participation of World Cup holders Argentina, former holders Brazil, Italy, Uruguay and West Germany and twice runners-up Holland, say that the 42,000 season tickets put on sale (covering all seven matches) for the 80,000 capacity Centenario stadium have been sold out and preparations — such as the refurbishing of the stadium where the first ever World Cup was staged in 1930 — are going ahead without a hitch.

The only cloud on the horizon is that there may be a TV and radio "black-out" of the tournament in the rest of South America.

An organisation "curiously" headed by Guillermo Canedo, a Mexican vice-president of FIFA, Organisacion Televisora Iberoamericana (OTI), already has TV and radio rights for the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals and it offered the Uruguayan FA a sum reported to be between 500,000 and a million dollars for the same rights of the "Little World Cup" tournament. But a Greek called Vulgaris, representing the Strasad Trading and Investment Company, bettered the offer with 3.5 million dollars and got the contract.

It has been reported that he has already recouped his money by negotiating rights with networks in Chile, Colombia and Venezuela, but in Argentina and Brazil, who will have teams participating, he has asked a higher price and so far no business has been done.

Furthermore, OTI has threatened any network doing business with Vulgaris that they would not be offered the 1982 World Cup finals for transmission. In Brazil and Argentina orders have already gone out from the government — which runs radio and TV in these countries — that no mention at all must be made of the Montevideo tournament in their programme.

Argentina, the current Junior World Cup holders, may not participate in next year's South American Junior Championship in Ecuador which qualifies the top two teams for the next Junior World Cup finals in Australia. Argentina has refused to play in the high altitude of Quito and according to fixtures recently announced, they are scheduled to play their preliminary group matches in the Pacific port of Guayaquil and, if they qualify for the final round, move up to Quito — some 2,000 metres above sea level — for the remaining matches.

The tournament is scheduled to start on February 8 with the 10 countries playing each other in two preliminary groups. Group A is composed of Bolivia, Paraguay, Colombia, Uruguay and Ecuador, while group B has Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Chile and Venezuela.

National team action

Argentina: OVER-RELIANCE ON MARADONA

Argentina's three victories within a week in Buenos Aires by low scores against European rivals — 2-0 v. Bulgaria, 2-1 v. Poland and 1-0 v. Czechoslovakia — in October showed that the world champions were more on top of their rivals than the score suggests, that they have what could be a dangerous inclination to play down to the standard of their rival; that the team has a lot of room for improvement as they improve fast with every match when playing several within a short time . . . and that Maradona and Diaz could be a match-winning combination for Argentina's senior team just as they were in the Junior team which won the Junior World Cup in Japan last year.

Diaz, leading scorer in Japan, is going the same way with the senior team and has scored three out of seven goals in the last four international matches, but with World Cup centre-forward Luque still in the squad, he is not yet a regular.

But in the recent series he has been more on the field and his partnership with Maradona flourished. The problem remaining however was the over reliance of the team's youngest regular — Maradona, who celebrated his 20th birthday just after the last match against Czechoslovakia. There is still some doubt about his best position.

For his club, Argentinos Juniors, he plays No. 9 successfully and is the championship's leading scorer. For the national team he does it just as well at No. 10 and today he is to Argentina what Pele was to Brazil, Beckenbauer to West Germany and Cruyff to Holland . . . and at a much younger age, too.

Three weeks earlier Chile had been the visitors in a match at Mendoza's World Cup stadium and the result was a surprising 2-2. Argentina were leading 2-0 after 40 minutes with goals from Valencia and Diaz against a defensive-minded team which continued to attack with only one man even then as their only object seemed to be to avoid a heavy defeat against the World Cup holders. But a couple of counter-attacks and bad luck for Argentina with several clear chances apart from some disorganised play gave the Chileans an unexpected draw although they

It's a goal — the winner in the 2-1 victory over Poland — and Argentine midfielder Maradona leaps through the air after netting it from a free-kick.

by ERIC WEIL

at no time controlled the game.

Bulgaria, not with their strongest line-up, were no match for Argentina at River Plate's World Cup stadium, but their close marking — two men continuously on Maradona — and tight defence made it hard for the World Cup holders to score and they managed it just once in each half through Santamaria and Diaz. Argentina's problem was their half-line, slow and not aggressive enough, but when Maradona played more forward in the second half things improved slightly. Still, in front, there was too much passing and centralising of play which made things easier for the Bulgarian defence.

In this match midfielder Gallego became Argentina's most capped player with 61 international appearances (all under Menotti), beating 1974 and 1978 World Cup winger Houseman's 60.

Poland, with a number of young and inexperienced players — although their officials said it was the best team of the moment — provided stronger opposition, trying to play the Argentines at their own short-passing game and rhythm. Passarella put Argentina ahead with a penalty after 15 minutes and they played with less reliance on the again heavily marked Maradona which gave them more options in attack. Still it was left to Maradona who got the better of his markers in the second half when the Poles could not keep up their early rhythm, to score the winner with a free-kick 12 minutes after the break, following Poland's penalty equaliser by Ciolek five minutes earlier.

Czechoslovakia were the toughest rivals and they brought out the best in Argentina with the 1-0 victory being scant reward for their superiority. Diaz scored the goal after 16 minutes and he showed some brilliant touches together with Maradona who had a great game even for him. They were altogether too fast for a Czech defence which frequently resorted to successful offside tactics.

The big improvement was that Maradona played more forward than in previous games and found a perfect partner in Diaz. Argentina's defence — the same line-up of Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella and Tarantini in front of goalkeeper Fillol as in the 1978 World Cup final — was also in top form, playing the offside trap well with veteran Galvan outstanding and Tarantini playing his best game in a long time in national colours. Fillol hardly touched the ball in the first half, but had a few difficult saves to make in the second half when Czechoslovakia showed more inclination to attack than Bulgaria and Poland had done and made Argentina's deserved one-goal lead look slender.

On the whole, however, the four rivals — not top rate teams — were more worried to avoid a big score against than to try and beat Argentina, but showed up a number of flaws in the world champion side. Midfielder Barbas, who replaced World Cup man Ardiles, lacks initiative in attack and next to him Gallego is too preoccupied with defence. In attack, the weakest department, centre-forward Luque is no longer what he was and Diaz is erratic, depending too much on Maradona than his own initiative. Santamaria, on one wing, always seems to promise more than he achieves while

Argentine captain Daniel Passarella opens the score against Poland with a first-half penalty.

converted midfielder Valencia on the other only makes his presence felt in flashes.

Coach Menotti admits to a shortage of wingers in Argentine soccer which has forced him to try out a number of variations such as playing Valencia on the wing. With the inclusion of World Cup man Ardiles (with Tottenham Hotspur), Kempes (with Spain's Valencia) and Bertoni (with Italy's Fiorentina) for the "Little World Cup" he hopes to plug the weak links in the middle and up front and he would then be able to line up his complete 1978 World Cup final team except for off-form winger Houseman, but there are problems about Kempes' release and Fiorentina will only let Bertoni go two days before the tournament starts.

Argentina had two further internationals scheduled against the Soviet Union and Paraguay and were negotiating a possible third with England here before the Montevideo tournament. The squad will be concentrated at Mar del Plata — the seaside resort 400 km from Buenos Aires — at the end of November which means the players will not be able to turn out for their clubs in this year's final round of the national championship . . . and there has been no complaint from the clubs yet.

Since the 1978 World Cup here, Argentina has played 19 full internationals, winning 10, drawing three and losing six and Menotti has used 44 players (fielding experimental sides in some of them) — two goalkeepers, 14 backs, 13 halves and 15 forwards.

Menotti stated recently that he would retire from soccer management, at least for a time, after the 1982 World Cup finals, "because I don't believe that any coach has the stamina to get through three World Cups," he said.

● Brazil, who are Argentina's group rivals for a final place in Montevideo, gained a hard-earned 2-1 win against a below strength Paraguay in Asunción who easily outplayed them in the first half-hour and deservedly took the lead after eight minutes (Benitez).

Brazil's usually strong midfield of Batista, Cerezo and Zico saw little of the ball and it was only in the last half-hour, after Paraguay had Benitez sent off, that Brazil really got on top to win with a goal from Reynaldo five minutes from the end. Ze Sergio had scored Brazil's first-half equaliser.

Brazilian coach Tele Santana is not as lucky as Menotti. He will not get his players together until December 15 — by law Brazilian players must have a month's holiday around that time and he has managed to get this reduced this year for national squad men — and the clubs would not release their players for him in November.

If Brazil gets past Bolivia and Venezuela in qualifying games to reach the World Cup finals — which appears to be a foregone conclusion — they tour Europe in May for games against Belgium (9/5), England 12/5), France (15/5) and West Germany (19/5) according to Brazilian FA officials who also said that all four countries will make return visits to Brazil before the World Cup.

● Peru's national coach, Marcos Calderon, picked a 23-man squad to prepare for World Cup qualifying matches against Uruguay and Colombia next year which includes only six players from the 1978 World Cup team — goalkeeper Quirago, defenders Diaz, Duarte and Rojas, midfielder Leguia and wingers Mosquera (who did not actually play in Argentina) and Ramirez — the latter, now 31, having already played in the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico when Peru reached the last eight.

Eight of the players come from champions and current league leaders Sporting Cristal and five from Alianza Lima, the two clubs which also provided most of the last World Cup squad. But Calderon is still expected to call on some of the internationals playing with foreign clubs which would increase the present average age of 24.

Uruguay's team preparations met with a not unexpected hitch when champions Nacional refused to release their eight players picked by national team coach Roque Maspoli for his 25-man squad to prepare for the "Little World Cup" unless the Uruguayan FA agreed to pay them the equivalent of what they would earn with their clubs during the time they are training and playing with the national team and are not available for their clubs.

Pay for national team duty has always been a lot less than what the players receive from their clubs — specially big clubs Peñarol and Nacional.

Following a week's heated discussion, the FA had to agree and they will have to pay all 25 players, of course, setting an expensive precedent.

Colombia's Argentine national team coach, Carlos Bilardo, has handed his plan for next year's World Cup training to the FA which includes six months concentration of the team.

But he is running into difficulties with club owners who are not willing to give up their players for that long, although they would be able to play in league matches until July 5 and again after qualifying games against Uruguay and Peru.

Bilardo, who proposes to start intensive team training on January 14 says that next year preference should be given to the national team and that he would not renew his contract with the Colombian FA unless his plan is accepted.

FRANCE by Andre Duclos

ROCHETEAU FINDS HIS BEST FORM

THAT 2-0 win at home to Eire puts France very strongly in contention for a place in the World Cup finals of 1982, coming as it does hard on the heels of a 7-0 win in Limassol; where England, I seem to remember, were quite glad to get away with a 1-0 success, not so long ago.

True, Eire were below strength without Gerry Daly and David O'Leary, true, a dreadful error by Chris Hughton gave away the first goal to Michel Platini, but those two points will stand us in good stead in the dour battles that are to come against Holland and the "traditional" foe, Belgium; who for that matter are the traditional foes of the Dutch, too.

Michel Hidalgo must feel very happy; for once he really does seem to have a splendidly abundant choice of international players, not least in attack. Perhaps, however, the true revelation of the season has been the splendidly gifted black midfielder Jean Tigana of Lyon — obliged to leave the field with an injury in Cyprus — who has been fulfilling all the abundant promise shown in his debut against Russia in Moscow.

Almost as satisfying to Hidalgo one imagines has been the resuscitation of one of the most richly endowed French forwards of the past decade, Dominique Rocheteau who, at last leaving his only pro club Saint Etienne for Paris, and there reverting to his initial position of centre-forward — even though he is not playing it in an orthodox way — seems to have recaptured all that dazzling brio which distinguished him at the time he came on for a few minutes in the 1976 European Cup Final in Glasgow, to run Bayern Munich ragged.

Paris, and the change of club, really seem to suit Rocheteau, who has regained his international place in consequence. Far from being crushed by the anti-climax of his many disappointments, his loss of form, of a place in the national side, even a regular place with Saint Etienne; all these seem to have given him new strength, even new flair. He left Saint Etienne with dignity, without saying bitter things about the club, its manager Ronert Herbin, or the famous scout who discovered him at a Paris contest for young footballers, Pierre Guronnaire; where let it be recalled in ironic parenthesis, he came in last.

Paris is now seeing a Rocheteau who, if he has lost nothing of his old pace and ball playing flair, is at the same time much more versatile and mature. All the better for the team; and for a French international side which thank goodness can now also deploy the likes of Zimako, who came on and troubled Eire with his speed, scoring a goal, Lacombe, whose place he took, and of course the wonderfully talented Platini.

At Strasbourg, where they had those riots, things are a great deal quieter now. Too quiet for the liking of certain fans, who were so embittered by the sacking of Gilbert Gress by the uncompromising Chairman, M. Bord, that they wanted all and sundry, including the players, to sign a petition. The players weren't too keen, which led to passionate accusations of disloyalty on the part of the Gress group among the fans.

Dropsy, the international goalkeeper and captain, was a particular target of such abuse and accusation, which displeased him greatly; he thought it all very unfair. He pointed out that when, a few seasons ago, Strasbourg dropped into the Second Division and he had the opportunity to leave them, joining Lille, he remained faithful and helped them back into Division One.

His own relations with Gress, he said, had at first been excellent, but last season, for various personal reasons which he was not prepared to discuss, they had deteriorated. He did not see why he or the other players should take sides in the conflict. He especially resented implications that they had been persuaded by large bonuses to remain silent; there was no truth in that.

Put all this together with the extraordinary attack made early in the season by Carlos Bianchi, the free-scoring Argentine striker who spent one sad season with the Alsatian club and accused Gress of being "jealous" of him, and you have the impression that Gress was perhaps rather less popular with his men than with the fans.

Meanwhile he has fallen neatly on his feet, having already been given the plum job of managing the Belgian champions Bruges, not so long ago beaten by Liverpool in the Final of the European Cup. Gress and his wife were distressed to have to leave their children behind in Strasbourg with their grandparents to carry on with their schooling; but such is so often the fate of football managers, and though they began their spell in Bruges living out near the sea in the wind and the rain, it's a fine club with such excellent players as Ceulemans and Van der Eycken to call on.

Gress made a characteristically shrewd remark to a visiting French journalist, saying that the structure of a club is not as important as people say; he has known clubs with strong structures which do nothing great on the field, others which seem fairly rickety yet rub along happily enough.

Didier Six lives cheek by jowl, to the extent that he is, of course, now playing for the rival club of Cercle de Bruges, whom Bruges beat 2-1 earlier this season. Six was also in the French team which beat Eire, and he seems to have felt the benefit of his move; a star of the 1978 World Cup finals with plenty more to offer the international team and Michel Hidalgo.

Saint Etienne continue to throw up good young players, even if Rocheteau and Bathenay are both now with Paris Saint Germain. The latest is the tall, well-built, 20-year-old (just!) Zanon, who has slipped comfortably into the side this season after three years with Saint Etienne. This modest young man played rugby at school for a time when there were no facilities for playing soccer, but it seems to have done him no harm. Injury to Santini gave him his chance this season, and he says his three seasons of preparation in the junior teams stand him in very good stead.

Fabrice Poullain (centre, light shirt) in action for FC Nantes against Murato (left), Marini and Pasinato of Inter Milan during a European Cup match.

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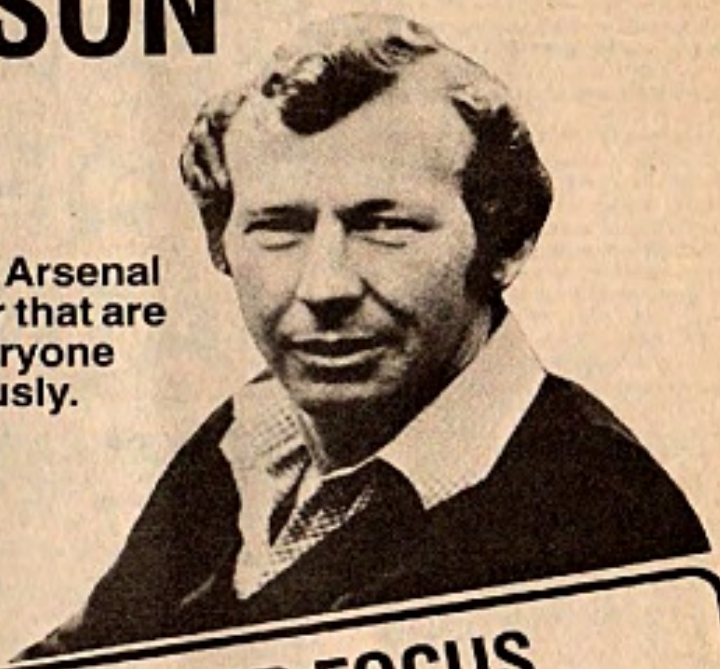

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WEST GERMANY by Arthur Rotmil

DERWALL FACES NATIONAL PROBLEMS

NATIONAL Team Manager Jupp Derwall is facing unexpected problems before the first World Cup qualifying tie against Bulgaria on December 3 in Sofia. The performance of the side in the 1-1 draw with Holland at Eindhoven left much to be desired.

In pouring rain and with a gale force wind blowing, the Dutch, who altogether introduced five newcomers, could have won and so they nearly did. Only outstanding displays by the two goalkeepers, Schumacher and in accordance with pre-arrangement, Immel after the break saved West Germany's unbeaten run now stretching to 21 games. Especially the 19-year-old Elke Immel (Borussia Dortmund) the youngest ever 'keeper to be chosen by Germany, performed heroically in the second half, when the European Champions were under pressure.

Bleak

Full back Kaltz never once started his feared runs along the wings, while Rummenigge, in line to become European Footballer of the Year, was well held by Ernie Brandts. He it was who equalised for Holland after Hrubesch put the Germans ahead. Altogether a bleak show by the team acknowledged as the "kings of Europe".

They had just one success in their new "libero". In the absence of Uli Stielike (not released again by Real Madrid) and the unsettled Schuster, the talented Kurt Niedermayer (24) from Bayern Munich gave a highly satisfactory international debut. He became the 20th new cap in the two-year reign of manager Derwall.

The Football Federation (DFB) is cashing in on the national team's triumph in the European Championship. They have sold exclusive rights to their emblem and the wording "German National Team" to a promotions company for £250,000 a year.

Twenty firms engaged mostly in foodstuffs, drink and confectionery — excluding tobacco and spirits — can use the slogan "official suppliers to the national team and the Football Federation" by paying £14,000 a year. The agency — based in Hamburg — has already signed contracts with nine firms who want to use the emblem for advertising purposes.

The West German Football Federation is the largest in the world. At the last count it boasted 4.3 million registered footballers. There are 18,613 clubs which run altogether 123,828 teams. Since the re-foundation of the DFB after the war, 30 years ago, the number of players and clubs has trebled and in the past 16 years it has doubled. The successes of West German football at international level are thought to be the main contributory factors in the staggering rise in popularity of the sport.

Bayern Munich, the champions who are again topping the table and who after their stunning 5-1 victory over Ajax Amsterdam in the first leg of the European Cup second round looked certain to reach the quarter-finals, looked back on a marvellous month, not just at international scene. Their classic top-of-the-table clash with nearest challengers Hamburger SV drew a capacity crowd of 78,000 to the Olympic stadium who paid £450,000 in gate money.

Rummenigge — the next "Footballer of the Year"?

Honour

Bayern's star forward Rummenigge has collared yet another honour: Spanish sports writers have voted him the "best footballer in the world." "Kalle" as he is nicknamed, will receive a special trophy on November 24 in Madrid from the hands of the Spanish king Juan Carlos. The ceremony was to have been televised live on Spanish TV.

Another West German international very much in the news was Bernd Schuster. His proposed move to New York Cosmos has been blocked by the American Players Union. This body is demanding the abolition of transfer fees and it claims the right to freedom of contract. Schuster, who might have had to wait several weeks for the problem to be resolved, made his way to Barcelona instead. His transfer was agreed at £850,000, plus receipts from a friendly match between the clubs with Cologne assured of a guaranteed £50,000.

Schuster, who will earn £100,000 a year net, signed a four-year contract but he has displaced at least one "foreigner" — Simonsen (Denmark) or Krankl (Austria) — because the Spanish club is only allowed two imports. Schuster's move to Spain is to some extent a relief to national manager Derwall, for it will be easier to pick the player from a European club, than it would have been from

Helmut Schoen, former West German team manager celebrated his 65th birthday in September and among those at his "party" was ex-national goalkeeper Sepp Maier.

the rather different American set-up, not to mention his playing most matches on artificial turf, and not having any match practice between October and April.

Cologne, meanwhile, parted company from their team manager Karl-Heinz Heddergott, following some bad results and discontent among players. The club engaged the famous Dutchman Rinus Michels (52), who led Ajax Amsterdam to a European Cup triumph and Holland's national team to the 1974 World Cup Final, then coached with mixed success at Barcelona and lately the Los Angeles Aztecs (USA).

Michels' arrival in Cologne created enormous interest — 3,000 fans turned up to see the first training session, that was 1,000 more than watched the Cup tie against SC Freiburg. But his first problem was to obtain a West German coaching licence without which he cannot run the team as coach solely in charge.

Licence

He may be given a special licence because he was a national team manager before. The German FA (DFB) has very strict regulations and basically only the holders of an A-licence are allowed to manage First Division teams. Meantime, Cologne's assistant coach Rolf Herings who has the necessary licence was officially in charge.

Michels' salary in Cologne is expected to be the same as that paid to the former team chief Hennes Weisweiler — about £72,000 a year. The departed Heddergott was only paid £54,000 p.a. Rumours were rife that Michels may persuade his one time protege Johan Cruyff to join Cologne for a brief period, but these have so far been denied by the parties concerned.

Despite the fact that new manager Jurgen Sündermann (called "wundermann") hasn't performed any wonders since his return to VfB Stuttgart, the club boasts the best average attendances in the *Bundesliga*, with 47,650 per match.

Newly promoted 1.FC Nürnberg come next on 39,750, followed by Fortuna Düsseldorf 37,000 and Borussia Dortmund with 35,000. These figures are, however, misleading, for clubs like Fortuna have entertained the big teams from the top of the table already and this has raised their average quite considerably.

Fortuna, in fact, reported a deficit on the last financial year of 214,000 D-Marks (£53,000). But the Düsseldorfers have no debts, despite last season's modest average gates of 16,027 in League matches. Additional revenue came their way from the successful Cup run.

VfB Stuttgart made an inexpensive capture when they signed the former Romanian international defender Alexander Satmareanu (28). He defected last year when his club visited Germany and having completed the obligatory one-year suspension imposed by FIFA is now eligible to play in the *Bundesliga*. He will replace the Yugoslav Dragan Holcer who is returning home after a long spell in Germany.

Stuttgart could soon have an embarrassing problem with a surfeit of foreigners. Their 20-year-old Turkish striker Ilyas Tuefekci made headlines when scoring two goals in the UEFA-Cup tie against Pesiporikos Larnaca (Cyprus). The youngster even refused to join the Turkish national squad for the World Cup qualifying game v. Iceland, because he wanted to make his first team debut for Stuttgart!

With the Romanian Satmareanu, the Yugoslav Holcer, the Austrian Hattenberger and now the Turk Tuefekci, the Stuttgart club aleady have two foreigners more than they are allowed to field in domestic competitive football.

Hamburger SV continued their chase after Bayern Munich at the top of the table. The Hamburgers remain one of the top teams despite the departure of Keegan and with international striker Horst Hrubesch getting vital goals they made progress in the UEFA-Cup as well.

But a big blow was the sending off of striker Willi Reimann. He was suspended for eight weeks and as he is the chief "supplier" of crosses to the heading specialist Hrubesch, team manager Branko Zebec had to move Jürgen Milewski to the right wing berth as a replacement. Goalkeeper Koitka has incidentally established himself as No. 1. Hamburg's former custodian Rudi Kargus left for 1.FC Nürnberg for £150,000.

A new milestone in the long career of Eintracht Frankfurt's dependable defender Willi Neuberger. He played his 450th *Bundesliga* match. If he manages to avoid injury or suspension then this 34-year-old could overtake the famous national team's 'keeper Sepp Maier who holds the record for *Bundesliga* appearances.

Neuberger who came to Frankfurt via Borussia Dortmund, Werder Bremen and Wuppertaler SV, is currently second in this list of *Bundesliga* "veterans". 1. Maier (Bayern Munich) 473 appearances. 2. Neuberger (Eintracht Frankfurt) 450; 3. Grabowski (Eintracht Frankfurt) 441; 4. Fichtel (Schalke) 437; 5. G. Müller (Bayern Munich) 427; 6. Nigbur (Schalke) 422; 7. Höttges (Werder Bremen) 420; 8. Vogts (Borussia Möchengladbach) and Simmet (Cologne) each 419; 10. Schwarzenbeck (Bayern Munich) 416 and Overath (Cologne) 409.

The second *Bundesliga* team manager to lose his job (after Heddergott), was Dieter Tippenhauer from the promoted Arminia Bielefeld. But his departure came as a result of a car accident in which he sustained various injuries.

WISE MEN COME UP WITH WHAT?

THE 92 (or was it 91?) wise club chairmen met in Solihull, and held a seminar to decide the future of the game. I must confess that I didn't expect a great deal of novel thinking from them, and in a way, I was pleasantly surprised.

They did come out with some fresh ideas, and whether the reforms envisaged will benefit the game or not is a question only the future can answer.

I have no doubt that the decisions will be rubber-stamped by the January special AGM, so we can take it for granted that football will have a different face in the 1981/82 season.

In my view, by far the most interesting reform is the new points' system, with three points for a win and still only one for a draw. The English League is still the most admired and copied in the world, and what we do here today, the rest of Europe might very well do tomorrow.

Let's make no mistake about it, a basic concept has been abolished — two drawn games used to be equal to one win, from now on, a team will need three draws to collect as many points as they would do for one victory.

Amongst the most respected managers, Bobby Robson has long been the advocate of a change in the points' system. He said: "The trouble with modern football is that one team strives to win, the other one is trying not to lose. I would give four points for an away win."

He didn't mention how many points he would give for an away draw or for a home win, but in my opinion, it is wrong to differentiate between the teams — a victory should be equally valuable to both sides, irrespective of the venue.

Goal bonus

Sir Matt Busby is an advocate of the goal bonus system, and Danny Blanchflower also would like to see ten points for a win, five for a draw and one each for every goal scored. Luton's general manager, John Smith, is the sworn enemy of the goalless draw: "I want to abolish the goalless draw. It is one way to get rid of the attitude of "we start with a point."

We need to change the attitude of a lot of managers, although it is not their fault, it is the fault of the system. Some of them approach away games knowing they hold a point already and intending to keep it.

By giving no points for scoreless draws, they'd start with nothing. Managers would know their team had to score to achieve even one point.

It is obvious that all these different suggestions have one common denominator — they want to encourage attacking football, and force "away" teams to give up the defensive stance.

But visiting teams have been playing slightly more cautiously since time immemorial, even in the days of very high attendances at football matches. To say that the attitude of "visiting managers" keep the fans away from the terraces is simplistic, and doesn't take into account such factors as hooliganism, the high price of tickets, blanket TV coverage, etc.

Jimmy Hill.

And will three points for a win encourage attacking football? It might have the opposite effect, since it gives "the result of a game" even more exaggerated importance. Home teams might settle for 1-0 wins, and become more defensive once they have taken the lead in a match. Is it not wholly unfair to say that a home win by a solitary goal is more valuable than two 3-3 away draws?

As you can see, I am not in favour of this quite revolutionary reform, not just because it breaks with a long-standing tradition, but also because it does not serve the purpose it is intended for. It will not transform the approach of visiting teams, because a draw will still be better than losing, and I repeat, it might make "home" teams more cautious than they are at the moment.

If we must tamper with the points' system, and I am not convinced that it is imperative, then a goal bonus scheme might have been better. Give an extra point to any team which win a match by three or more goals — a margin I mean, not merely a high-scoring affair. This method might change the attitudes of managers, and encourage teams to go all out and try to score as many goals as they can possibly get.

True merits

The balance between a "win" and a "draw" has been two to one since League football has been played in every country in the world (except the USA), to change that might lead to an unfair situation, and we shall have League tables which will not reflect the true merits of the participants.

These were the other reforms, which in the words of the Coventry chairman, Jimmy Hill, were aimed "at bringing the fun back into football". (Incidentally, the three points for a win idea was described as "the first step to restore adventure to the game.")

1. Freedom to play League games at any time from Friday evening to Sunday evening. The introduction of Sunday football on a divisional basis might work very well. In Hungary, for instance, they play all First Division games on Saturdays, and all Second Division matches on Sundays.

This method obviously helps "the gates" of both sets of games, and enables true supporters to watch two matches every weekend. If in England, the transport problems can be overcome, some clubs might greatly benefit from playing on a Sunday.

In any case, attendances can't be very much lower than they are at present, and any change is worth a try.

2. "To refresh appetites for football" the season will run between September and May. With 42 League matches, the League Cup, FA Cup, UEFA Cup dates and internationals, I do not know how this is possible!

They might have to play midweek League matches throughout the season, which certainly won't help attendances. Money is tight these days, and supporters won't be willing to fork out twice a week on a regular basis.

3. An "impact" opening day with a full League programme on the first Saturday of September. What was wrong with the "impact" of a full League programme in the middle of August? The idea that supporters need a long rest from football during the summer months is a fiction.

Speaking Personally with Leslie Vernon

With the advent of the European Championship and the World Cup there will always be football on television in June or July, and it is physically impossible to avoid a shrinking "close season."

The only way to give less football to the fans is by reducing the number of teams in all four divisions of the Football League. That was one crucial point the chairmen didn't discuss, because of vested interests.

In my view, the top two divisions must be reduced to 18 teams each, and these Leagues should be supported by a regionalised (South, Midlands, North) Third Division. This is the only practical way to achieve a September-May season, and the loss of revenue would be cancelled out, partly by increased attendances, partly by savings on travelling expenses.

Praiseworthy

The rest of the chairmen's ideas were all praiseworthy, sensible and beneficial to the game. They advocated a new method of settling transfer fees, with all deals to be completed within 12 months. Fifty per cent of the transfer fee to be paid at the time of the player changing clubs, and the rest within a year.

This system would force the clubs to be more economical, and eventually should bring down the transfer fees to a saner level. I have proposed this restriction on transfer payments in previous articles, so I am glad that this reform will be shortly implemented.

There were other minor points as well, such as the extension of the half-time interval, a more democratic way of voting at League AGM's, and a demand to the Government to help in fighting soccer hooliganism.

The chairmen were triumphant after the meeting, there was a general euphoria, thinking that a great deal had been achieved.

Urgent matters

Football League Secretary, Graham Kelly, said: "These are not decisions, but will be examined by the League Management Committee as a matter of urgency. I am reasonably confident that most of them will be operative next season."

Jimmy Hill enthused: "I am surprised and excited."

Ernie Clay of Fulham added: "It should have happened years ago, but now we are finally moving with the times."

John Camkin, chief executive of the Managers' and Secretaries' Association, summed up the feeling of the meeting: "I am astonished at what's been achieved. Football has never made so much progress in one day."

It is all very well to be so enthusiastic, but the proof will be in the proverbial pudding. A brave new world? We shall see, but I repeat, at this stage, I am not happy about three points for a win and just one for a draw — the effects on the League tables can be disastrous!

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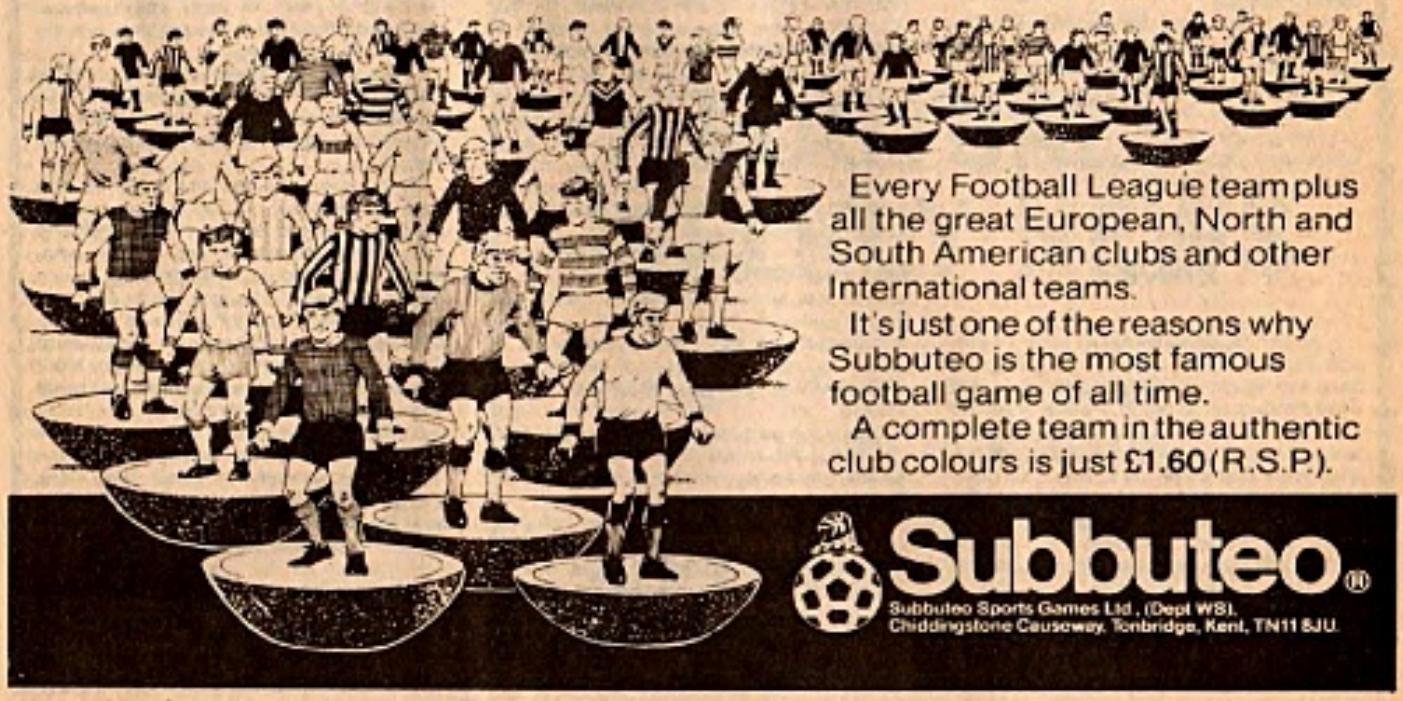

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The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

MANAGERIAL moves, managerial morals. The last couple of months have been a pretty poor advertisement for the English game, a depressing indication of its confusion, disorganisation, double standards.

Within days of two chairmen expressing their enduring faith in their respective managers, those managers, Malcolm Allison of Manchester City and Bobby Campbell, had gone to the wall. Terry Venables of Crystal Palace and John Bond of Norwich City each left their clubs, within days of one another, while still in the middle of long running contracts.

Tommy Docherty was given the bum's rush at Queens Park Rangers, allegedly because he had made a somewhat innocuous remark that Andy Ritchie, wanted by Chelsea, should not be joining a Second Division club. This time, the players did not intervene to save him, as they had a few months' earlier.

Picture

In the interests of a broader picture, perhaps one should add that after a short, disastrous stay at Cologne, Karl Heinz Hedergott, a senior coach with the West German FA, was sent packing. Alas for Cologne, not before their gem, 21-year-old Bernd Schuster, had left them in frustration, for Barcelona.

There was a great rodomontade from Stanley Cullis, for many years the greatly successful manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, on the subject. His view was that managers were surrounded by an exaggerated mystique, and that while they were jumping their own contracts, they were still demanding loyalty from their players. Perfectly true, though a little ironical in view of the fact that Cullis, after all his achievements, was eventually and brusquely got rid of by the Wolves, later managing Birmingham City with little of the same success.

Perhaps the most displeasing aspect of what has happened is the way these two chairmen have expressed confidence in their managers, then sacked them, though to tell the truth, this has become such a commonplace of today's football that a chairman's public endorsement has come to be seen as the kiss of death.

Knives

Meanwhile, circumstances alter cases, and one must be careful to distinguish between what happened to Venables and what happened to Bond. Palace seemed quite glad to get rid of Venables, who'd already surmised that the knives were out, and knew that other managers had been secretly approached. Norwich, on the other hand, were incensed by the departure of Bond, who was a still greater source of annoyance to them when he took a couple of his coaches with him to Manchester City.

Compensation was paid, as it undoubtedly should have been, but what I cannot understand, if Norwich were so keen to keep Bond, is why they simply did not enforce their rights? Some years ago, Bill McGarry, who recently lost his job as manager of Newcastle United, wanted to leave Ipswich Town for Wolves. Ipswich, who happen to be run by a group of well heeled, distinguished gentlemen, firmly pointed out that he had a contract, and he could join Wolves when it expired; not a moment before. McGarry stayed.

All this brings us, in turn, to the case of Malcolm Allison, which I have discussed in these columns before. That Allison was brought back to City at all seemed to me an amazing miscalculation on the part of Peter Swales and his Manchester City board. Clearly they hoped that history – Allison's early Maine Road history – would repeat itself. They might have done well to remember Karl Marx's old adage that history does repeat itself; the first time as tragedy, the second as farce.

Sentiment

Swales was, in my opinion, bowing inexcusably to sentiment, and the little group of Allisonian faithfuls on his board. Back in 1970, terrified Allison might leave the club because he wasn't made manager, they got together and bought out the shares of a greedy (now defunct) solicitor called Frank Johnson – for £100,000. That allowed them to push in their own nominee, the amiable Joe Smith, as Chairman, and break the hold of the Alexander family. Allison's managership, with Joe Mercer, the restraining hand, gone, was a disaster. Out he went, only, almost a decade later, to return, and to embark on transfer and tactical policies which can only be described (politely) as idiosyncratic.

Long after any Italian manager would have been on his way twice over, Allison stayed, but at last even the City board had had enough and Swales, having expressed his complete confidence in Allison on television, sent him on his way. His name was promptly linked with Crystal Palace, who, in the space of a few seasons, he had taken down from the First Division to the Third. There's nowt so queer as folk; especially when they happen to be football club directors.

In a happier vein, I am glad to see Bob Houghton back in England as manager of Bristol City, even though the former Malmo and Ethnikos manager has an awfully hard row to hoe; one scarcely made easier by the decision to sell the club's most talented midfield player, Gerry Gow, to John Bond at Manchester City. When I saw City's first game under Houghton at Grimsby, I thought Gow was playing far below his true potential, and assumed that Houghton would in due course be sorting him out. Instead, he has sold him; perhaps he felt he was beyond resuscitation.

Seasons

Houghton's initial diagnosis, that City were far too fearful of coming forward, seemed a very valid one to me; local reporters confirmed that this had been true for several seasons. Given the bleak negativity of Malmo's tactics in the European Cup Final of 1979 against Nottingham Forest, perhaps Houghton's attitude may seem a little surprising, but it wasn't long at all before he had City winning matches. I know he will be looking hard for local talent, and that should surely not be too difficult in Bristol, the city which gave the game Fatty Wedlock, Eddie Hapgood, Cliff Britton, Arthur Milton and Ronnie Dix.

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BRUNO CONTI'S first cap for Italy gave me a great deal of satisfaction; for a variety of motives. I was pleased for the little Roma outside-right, who has been on the fringe of the national team for some years, and at last got on the field in the rather ill starred game in Luxembourg.

I was also very pleased for his original mentor, my old friend Domenico Biti, an outstanding youth coach, now, at over 60, general manager of the Civita Vecchia club.

He discovered Conti and coached him from the age of 12, as Conti happily confirmed to me in the Roma dressing room some time ago. Biti it was who, having watched him in training as a 15-year-old at the Velletri (Serie D) club, asked me persistently if he could have my own son Toby with him as a player at Formia (Serie C) where he eventually went for some months. It seemed to me a great honour then; and it still does.

Biti, Lazio youth coach when I knew him first in the mid-1950s, later ran the Italian FA soccer school in Rome, then took charge of Roma juniors. His story of how a wily Neapolitan, passing him off to his English captors as a star Italian footballer, and himself as his coach, helped him escape transfer to a PoW camp in India, remains one of the funniest I have heard. Even about a Neapolitan.

AUSTRIA by Arthur Rotmil

Target is four World Cup points

THE AUSTRIAN national team confirmed its reputation as one of the strongest in Europe when they beat Hungary (England's World Cup opponents), by 3-1 in Vienna. Only 12,000 fans bothered to turn out in the great Prater stadium (capacity 72,000), although it must be said that both before and during the match there was torrential rain.

Nevertheless, it is doubtful if even in fair weather this meeting of the traditional Central European rivals would have attracted a really big gate. Nowadays soccer fans are mostly interested in competitive football.

A detailed breakdown showed that actually only 5,000 people paid admission to the Prater. Thus, not even the expenses were covered. These amounted to about £6,000 on air travel and insurance for the seven foreign-based players; £5,000 bonus for the 16 players; £2,500 on accommodation for the Austrian and Hungarian players; £2,500 on fees for domestic clubs for releasing the internationals; £1,800 on referee and linesmen and £1,400 costs of hiring the ground and security staff.

The standing of Austrian football in general received a bitter blow when all four clubs participating in the European cup competitions were eliminated in the First Rounds, some of them by modest and inexperienced opposition. The standard of League football has declined this season even further, not least on account of the departure of its best players for better paying clubs abroad. And this is the crux of the problem.

The national team is performing very well because it is based on the foreign "mercenaries" — the clubs suffer because of the constant drain of talent. Even for the friendly v. Hungary the national team manager Karl Stotz was able to call on seven foreign-based players: Pezzey (Eintracht Frankfurt), Mirnegg (MSV Duisburg), Hattenberger (VfB Stuttgart) and Jara (Schalke) came from West Germany, Prohaska (Inter-Milan) from Italy, Welzl (AZ 67 Alkmaar) from Holland and Krankl (Barcelona) from Spain.

But it was a home-based player who stole the show. Christian Keglevits, a 19-year-old striker from Rapid Vienna, celebrated his debut in the national team by hitting two goals; Welzl got the other. Welzl is incidentally top scorer in the Dutch League, having hit 13 goals in his first eight league matches.

Goalkeeper Herbert Feurer, 27 (Rapid) as well as Dihanich (FK Austria) were the other newcomers who like Keglevits did well. Yet Feurer and Keglevits only played because 'keeper Friedl Koncilia (FK Austria) and his club mate, the redoubtable striker Walter Schachner were suspended, after being sent off in League matches.

Koncilia lost his nerve after the game against Grazer AK and butted a player who sustained an open wound above the eye. Koncilia was subsequently suspended till April 4, 1981 for all domestic games, but it is very doubtful whether the national team manager will select him in that period. The 'keeper also faces a police charge of causing bodily harm.

Schachner received marching orders for insulting a linesman. Manager Stotz ignored him as well for the Hungary match and he showed a lucky hand with the replacements. This came just in time, for he was criticised by the Austrian Football Federation's president Karl Sekanina before the Hungary game.

Sekanina demanded of the players more effort, spirit and discipline, as well as "four World Cup points."

"It is up to our manager to get the players in shape and infuse some enthusiasm for international matches. Some of them look as if they expected to be carried on to the field in sedan chairs," complained the president.

Austria were due to meet Albania home and away on November 15 and December 6. After the performance against Hungary hopes were high that the target of four points will be achieved.

Stotz was particularly pleased with his new discovery Keglevits, but also with 'keeper Feurer and the tireless Hattenberger, who laid on the first two goals. Strange to think that Stuttgart's midfielder was going to quit the international scene altogether. In the qualifying group the Austrians fear mostly West Germany, the others Bulgaria, Finland and Albania should be overcome.

But after Bulgaria's champions CSKA Sofia knocked out Nottingham Forest, the holders, in the European Cup, there are voices warning the national team not to underrate the Bulgarians. With two countries qualifying it should not be beyond Austria to gain at least second place and make it to Spain in 1982.

League gates continue to disappoint and that is hardly surprising. The international stars now earning their keep all over Europe have been replaced by a motley of "has beens" from neighbouring lands. Altogether there are 16 foreigners active in the Austrian Bundesliga (Federal League). The line-up includes the former Czechoslovak internationals Kuna (Admira/Wacker), Goegh (Voest Linz), Moder (Grazer AK) and Vesely (Rapid Vienna).

There are also four Germans, two Yugoslavs, plus a Frenchman, an Uruguayan and soon a Russian! Sintchenko (ex-Zenit Leningrad) could become the first Russian "mercenary" footballer allowed to join a Western club, Rapid Vienna. As from this season, three "imports" are allowed per team.

Out of the ten First Division team managers only two are foreigners: Halama (Czechoslovakia) and Baric (Yugoslavia), both with the Grazer clubs. After a long wrangle, a player cautioned four times will be automatically suspended for one game. This decision by the FA caused a lot of comment and criticism. Another new idea: anybody whose birthday falls on a match day and who can produce an identification with photograph to that effect, will be admitted free to the ground!

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TREND SETTERS K LOOK TO EUROP

THE NEARLY MEN are at it again.

Kiev Dynamo, who so disappointingly fell away from the high standards of their 1975 Cup-winners' Cup victory, are preparing for another assault on the Champions' Cup.

There is the small matter of having to win the Soviet league first. But since Kiev have steadily been forging a path to the front for much of this season, they seem in command of their own destiny.

The biggest problem awaits them — and the biggest dream.

The Ukrainians want to become the first Soviet club to capture the Champions' Cup.

When they won the Cup-winners' trophy, beating Ferencvaros of Hungary 3-0 in Basel in 1975, they had made the first European breakthrough for the Soviet Union. Now they want to go one better.

But they'd better hurry. The key veterans who provide so much by way of experience, are getting no younger. And while Soviet football continues to drag its feet internationally, the obstacles appear immense.

But then, it's never been easy for Kiev, although the city stands as one of the traditional early centres of Soviet football.

Major controversy

Andrei Starostin, in a slim 1957 brochure entitled *Soviet Football – 60 Years of the Game*, recorded football as beginning in Kiev in the early years of the century, and the city being involved in the first major controversy of the Russian championship in 1913.

In the quarter finals Kiev had been beaten by Kharkhov, who in turn lost a mixed-up semi-final to Odessa — a game classed by Kharkhov as a friendly, since the referee failed to show up!

Odessa claimed their right to go on to the final, Kharkhov protested, and Kiev lodged a formal complaint against Kharkhov for — in modern terms — bringing the game into disrepute! All to no avail. There were to be no winners. The All-Rusian Football Union annulled the entire championship!

After the Soviet revolution enveloped the Ukraine, football developed rapidly. From being a middle-class game it was swiftly adopted by soldiers and students and in Kiev intense interest developed in local league and cup competitions.

In 1927 the local police force founded the Dynamo club, and took part in the first major national knock-out competition in 1931 — though in the guise of a Kiev Select in an inter-city competition.

Five more years and the league began.

This was organised among amateur sports clubs and Dynamo Kiev were founder members both in this and the Russian Cup, which began the same year.

In that first championship Kiev finished runners-up, as they would in 1952, and in 1954 they became the first provincial team to land either major prize, when they won the cup.

Tactical flexibility

Starostin described them this way: "Kiev have very even lines in both defence and attack, possessing technically well-trained players. The team are very flexible in changing their plans in the course of play. Frequently they use long, slow passes in order to slow down the pace set by their opponents and direct play into their own channels. Tactical flexibility is their distinguishing quality. The team are not, however, always in good physical form. That is why they experience periods of poor play."

Setting aside the stilted translation, the message that comes through loud and clear is that basically Kiev have remained faithful to the same style over more than 20 years.

For Kiev's best team in 1975, and their line-up today, have always possessed a special ability to run a game at the pace *they* prefer — whether the key man has been right half Yuri Voinov as in the 1950s, Viktor Kolotov as in the 1970s, or Vladimir Bessonov now.

CLUB FOCUS

by Keir Radnedge

Seven times Kiev have appeared in the Champions' Cup, the first tie back in the autumn of 1967 bringing their most sensational result, when the eliminated holders Celtic in the first round, only to lose, anti-climactically to Gornik of Poland in the next.

Celtic and Kiev were drawn against each other in the first round of the following season too. But when the Scots protested at having to face a Soviet side so soon after the invasion of Czechoslovakia, UEFA reorganised the draw and the Warsaw Pact countries withdrew in protest.

The following season, 1969-70, Kiev fell to Fiorentina of Italy in the second round. For all the ability and skill of men such as star forward Anatoly Bishovets and midfielder Josef Sabo — remembered for his expulsion against West Germany in the 1966 World Cup semi-final — Kiev lacked consistency.

That was the one big weakness not even Alexander Sevidov, the coach who laid the foundations for the 1970s' successes, could ever quite overcome.

Sevidov was still in charge, though now in his early 60s, when Kiev made their furthest progress to that stage, reaching the quarter-finals in 1973. Already Kiev knew they would not be in the next season's competition — Zarya Voroshilovgrad had won the championship the previous December.

Sevidov said at the time — prophetically: "Our problem in Europe will always be the same. When we have to play the quarter-finals we are really still in our close season. Not only are we short on match practice — but our own pitch is still frozen over. We can go to southern Europe or South America to play . . . but we can never get the conditions right."

'Odessa Cat'

Kiev had to play the quarter-final home leg against Real Madrid — the Spaniards' 100th match in the competition — in Odessa. The Soviets battered away but the game finished goalless and earned Madrid goalkeeper Mariano Garcia Remon his long-standing nickname, the 'Odessa Cat'.

Kiev lined up: Samokhin — Damin, Reshko, Fomenko, Dotsenko — Troshkhin, Muntian, Kolotov — Veremeyev, Puzach, Blokhin.

Already the 1975 team was taking shape. Yevgeny Rudakov, though he missed the first leg against Madrid in 1973 because of injury, had been awarded the trophy for Russia's outstanding goalkeeper in 1972; Oleg Blokhin, a fair-haired left winger who would shortly become European Footballer of the Year, had been the league's top scorer with 14 goals; and Viktor Kolotov, a 23-year-old deep-lying centre forward with 14 caps already to his name, had made a big impression. Kolotov had managed 11 goals in the league, and had it not been for a string of knee injuries which blighted his later career, could have established himself as another major European figure.

There was pride already. Not only did Kiev claim the honour of the first club outside Moscow to win the cup, in 1961 they had become the first provincial team to land the league.

Now, nearly 20 years further on, their eight league titles puts them third in line overall behind Dynamo Moscow (11) and Spartak (10); and they are second equal in the Cup stakes, with five, together with Torpedo and Dynamo Moscow — Spartak have nine to their credit.

In 1966 and 1974 Kiev landed the league and cup double and between 1966 and 1968 they achieved a league hat-trick, equalling the 1946-48 feat of TSKA Moscow.

But where Kiev went a step further than the rest was in 1975, when Kolotov, Blokhin, Rudakov and Co took Kiev to the Cup-winners' Cup — the first Soviet success in Europe. Kiev beat Malmo, Eintracht

IEV
EAN CUP

DYNAMO KIEV

Founded: 1927.
President: Mikhail Koman.
Coach: Valeri Lobanovsky.
Asst. coach: Anatoly Puzach.
Championship: 1961, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1977 (8).
Cup: 1954, 1964, 1966, 1974, 1978 (5).
Best in Europe: Champions' Cup — semi-finals 1977 (7 apps). Cup-winners' Cup — winners 1975 (2 apps). UEFA Cup: third round 1980 (3 apps). Euro Super Cup — winners 1975.
Stadium: Central Stadium (100,000 capacity); Dynamo Stadium (30,000 capacity).

Frankfurt, Bursaspor of Turkey and PSV Eindhoven on the way, and with two goals from Onishenko and one from Blokhin in Basel set Europe alight.

A Soviet team with skill and flair — it seemed too good to be true! The Soviet authorities thought so as well. They became so keen to harness the Kiev machine that they saddled the club en bloc with all the national team fixtures, and then later the Olympic programme too.

Overburdened with this responsibility and all these games, Kiev not only lost their flair, their fitness collapsed. Despite reinforcements from elsewhere in the league the team began to fall apart. In 1976 they fell to Saint-Etienne in the Champions' Cup quarter finals, and in 1977 to Borussia Moenchengladbach in the semi-finals after successfully coming through the hard hit — eliminating holders Bayern in the previous round!

Kiev coach Valeri Lobanovsky was suspended by the authorities, the easy scapegoat for administrative stupidity. And they've never been the same club since.

Rare hat-trick

They won the Cup in 1978, but it was a struggle to beat the miners of Shakhtor Donetsk in extra time and Kiev, more than most other clubs, seemed handicapped by the eight-draws maximum rule in the league. Blokhin suffered a series of injuries, and even lost his Footballer of the Year trophy to a rival left-winger, Ramas Shengelia of Dynamo Tbilisi.

At the start of the 1979 season it was a case of all-change. Right winger Onishenko retired, so did Rudakov, and veteran defenders Reshko and Fomenko. Despite that Kiev went top of the league when Blokhin grabbed a rare hat-trick in his 201st league game, against Wings of the Soviet.

But in the closing stages of the league race came vital defeats. The most important of all was 2-0 at home to Spartak Moscow . . . who went on to take the title.

Lobanovsky is still in charge, now with ex-international Puzach to aid him. And though Kiev are a multi-sport organisation, the football section is largely autonomous, so Lobanovsky has plenty of freedom in which to act.

The players are all officially amateurs, but they are well rewarded. Blokhin has a modern car, a luxury apartment, and a seaside dacha. But then, Kiev pull the crowds. They average around 45,000 and pull in capacity 100,000 gates for the big European ties.

Never relegated to the second division, Kiev pull most of their players from the 22 reserve and youth teams. But just in case players don't make the grade, the club lays heavy emphasis on players' opportunities to continue apprenticeships and careers.

But that sort of ambition is long-term.

What concerns everyone most of all now is the chance to land the biggest prize of all — the European Cup.

KIEV — first team squad

VIKTOR GRYSHKO	Goalkeeper	19	
SERGEI KRAKOVSKY	Goalkeeper	20	
YURI ROMENSKY	Goalkeeper	28	
SERGEI BALTACHA	Full back	22	Olympic Intl.
ALEXANDER BEREZHNOI	Centre back	23	Full Intl.
ALEXANDER BARANOV	Defence	20	
ALEXANDER BOIKO	Centre back	26	
ANATOLY DEMIANENKO	Centre back	21	
SERGEI ZHURAVLEV	Left back	21	Full Intl.
VIKTOR KAPLUN	Defence	22	
ANATOLY KONKOV*	Right back	31	Full Intl.
VLADIMIR LOZINSKY	Left back	25	
ANATOLY MYTIKO	Defence	19	
ALEXANDER SOROKALET	Right back	23	
VITALY TARASENKO	Defence	19	
VALERI CHERNIKOV	Defence	18	
VLADIMIR BESSONOV	Midfield	22	Full [illegible]
LEONID BURYAK*	Midfield	27	Full Intl.
VLADIMIR VEREMEYEV*	Midfield	32	Full Intl.
VIKTOR KOLOTOV*	Midfield	31	Full Intl.
MIKHAIL OLIFERENKO	Midfield	20	
GENNADI POVAR	Midfield	20	
OLEG SEREBRIANSKY	Midfield	25	
VIKTOR SUSLO	Midfield	19	
OLEG BLOKHIN*	Outside left	28	Full Intl.
VADIM YEVTUSHENKO	Attack	22	
FEDOR POPOVICH	Attack	19	
ALEXANDER SOPKO	Winger	22	
OLEG TATAR	Attack	20	Youth Intl.
ALEXANDER KHAPSALIS	Attack/midfield	23	Full Intl.
VIKTOR KHLUYS	Attack	22	
IVAN SHARIY	Attack	23	
YURI YAROSHENKO	Attack	19	
SERGEI YASHCHENKO	Attack	22	

*1975 SQUAD SURVIVORS

Soviet League is in Dynamo's grasp thanks to Valeri

Eric Batty profiles Bohemians CKD

THEY JUST LOVE TO TRAVEL . . .

BOHEMIANS came into being in 1905 as AFK Vrsovice, taking the name of the Prague suburb in which their tiny ground lies.

They made their first foreign tour, admittedly only as far as Austria, to meet SC Simering during the First World War in 1916, though at that time the Czechs were part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

In 1927 they became known as AFK Bohemians, and adopted a more patriotic title in 1940 — AFK Bohemia — which with Moravia and Slovakia made up Czechoslovakia.

Six name changes later they are Bohemians CKD Praha, and though they have met neighbours Sparta and Slavia more than a thousand time they are not, and probably never will be, accepted as one of the elite old guard, having come too late into the fray.

By the time Bohemians were formed, Prague had already split itself into two camps, Sparta and Slavia and unfortunately, they have had a couple of spells in Division II.

Antonin Panenka of Bohemians.

Good side

But when they have a good side, they can still rival the best in Czechoslovakia, as they did in season 1979-80, winning a place in the UEFA Cup and averaging 7,730 spectators at home which was better than old-established SK Slavia whose Eden is only a few hundred yards away up the tram lines that pass the Bohemians' stadium.

And that same season they were the most popular away side, attracting more customers to their games than anyone else in the First Division.

Bohemians have always had broad horizons and are great travellers. It seems as if they will go anywhere for a game of football, even to such off the beaten track places as Haiti, Guadeloupe, Albania and Ethiopia.

In 1969 they visited Britain, meeting Lincoln City and Bradford Park Avenue, and not long after played home and away games with Watford. Indeed, they would be delighted if they were invited to visit England to play two or three games every year.

When they celebrated their 70th anniversary in 1975 Bohemians had 333 games in such outposts as Oceania, and major cities in Africa and Asia.

But as recently as 1972-73 they were a Second Division club and celebrated promotion with another visit to England. By this time, of course, floodlit friendlies were not pulling crowds but they beat Third and Fourth Division Grimsby and Hartlepool, drew 1-1 with Bolton Wanderers but lost 0-4 to Blackburn Rovers.

Bohemians have never been champions of Czechoslovakia but their club is typical of many who are the life-blood of the game; eager, enthusiastic and their officials are dedicated to the game and the club.

In fact for three - four years in the early seventies Bohemians were the most attractive team in Prague, with many non-committed fans trying hard not to miss a game at Vrsovice.

Festive mood

I saw them at this time, and the crowd was in a really festive mood, and though at a lower pace, Bohemians, sparked off by a brilliant show by Antonin Panenka played some delightful football.

Panenka at his best was probably the closest the Czechs have been to producing a Gunter Netzer, a real master craftsman, and to see him in action was electrifying. In one game, Panenka was carrying an old knock and with 15 minutes left, and the game safely won, he limped off so as not to aggravate his injury.

At once some of the fans began to leave the ground, and for me the game died with Panenka's departure.

It is one of the tragedies of Czech football that they have rarely been as well trained physically as they might be, for they could have made an even bigger impact on the game.

They showed what they could do, winning the European Championship in 1976 but as Ladislav Novak, now boss of Dukla Prague said on his return from several years working in Belgium, the Czech players do not work as hard in training as the players in Western Europe.

I had first hand experience of this. Talking with Vaclav Jezek, then national team manager who led them to success in 1976 and Bohumil Musil, the Bohemians manager-coach, while watching a game at Dukla's Julisha stadium, we were bemoaning the lack of physical preparation of the average Czech footballer.

I don't quite remember how it happened, but two days later I found myself taking a training session at Bohemians. The players had been told that they would train the way Liverpool train, whereas in fact, all I got them to do was what the amateur side I had coached did on their one evening per week when we put the emphasis on speed and condition.

Significant

They began lapping the ground eight times and, significantly, the most accomplished players were in a pack trailing at the back. Then they did some varied ball skills, with the emphasis on tackling, and I could see that very few got their body in when they challenged. For most of them it was enough to extend an unsupported foot that was easily brushed aside by a determined challenge.

Eric Gates (Ipswich) and Zdenek Prokes (Bohemians).

Then they split up into two sides for a game, went on to sprints in relays and by now were really puffing and blowing. Wet through from a slight drizzle, steam could be seen rising from the track suited bodies!

They finished off with another strong run, going around the ground for what would have been about two miles and here's the final rub. Panenka, the great artist was way behind at the end, and the players who came through it best were I was told: "Reserves who were physically strong, good runners, but not very good players."

That is not untypical for I have found that all over Europe, the best players want to play, want to earn big money, but don't want to work at the game.

Though Pananeka is probably well remembered for his brilliant penalty kick, the last one in Belgrade, 1976, when he beat Sepp Maier with a curled ball that also dipped — perhaps the most technically brilliant penalty I have ever seen — he could, had he worked harder at the game, been a star of World stature.

Hotel management

Now, with his career drawing to a close at 32, I hear he is studying hotel management and will go out of the game.

This season Bohemians have a new boss in Tomas Pospichal. A former outside right, he played for Czechoslovakia in the 1962 World Cup final when they led Brazil 1-0 early on before losing 3-1. Late in his career he spent three seasons playing in France with Rouen, and back in Czechoslovakia has led Banik Ostrava to the championship.

Not surprisingly, because it was time, he is trying to build a new team for Bohemians and bearing this in mind, their performance against Ipswich was highly creditable.

Bohemians have only three full internationals and clearly Pospichal is using them and their experience to hang his team-building on: goalkeeper Zdenek Hruska, 26 years old who would one thinks have played in the recent European championship but for injury; Premysl Bicovsky, 30 with 16 caps gained some time ago, and Antonin Panenka, now 32 with 45 full caps. Pospichal has at his disposal more than a whole team of players in their very early twenties, and given time and a little luck, who knows?

Not ready

But for the moment, although they eliminated Spain's Sporting Gijon in the First Round of the UEFA Cup they hardly look likely to set any trees on fire just yet.

At Ipswich I made Bicovsky their most useful player, playing at the back as libero, or in England, the last man, behind the defence. Bicovsky often came out into midfield and showed that he can play, too, but that is not surprising for he was formerly a midfield player and won his caps there. Bohemians did well to keep the score sheet blank until the interval for at the time Ipswich Town were occupying top place in the First Division table.

All the Czechs worked hard, playing 1-3-4-2 but they lacked penetration up front. And though they lost 3-0 there was an element of bad luck for them in all three goals.

Hruska, who did not look fully fit to me, was first caught out when a shot from John Wark took a deflection and left him helpless.

The second goal was a touch-in following the ball hitting an upright, that could so easily have rolled past the past, and the final goal was a 'Sunday' shot hit from a touched back free kick by Beattie.

No doubts

Hit like a bomb, the ball must have scraped both post and bar as it went past the angle, and I doubt if Beattie could repeat that accuracy in twenty efforts.

Yet overall there was no doubting that Ipswich were the better side for they had nearly all the play, and there was just one moment of magic from Panenka who had a quiet game playing free in front of the defence and usually un-marked when he went forward.

In midfield he let go with a thirty yard pass aimed at the feet of a colleague who had taken up position on the right wing. An ordinary cross-field pass, but one laid with such perfection, such timing, such perfect pace that as the ball, which could not have been cut out, reached the recipient, it practically stopped and sat there begging to be played.

True Panenka had five shots at the Ipswich goal, but all were from long range, and though I expected Bohemians to do much better in Praha, could not see them eliminating Ipswich.

But for the future, it looks to me that Pospichal is on the right lines for they put up a commendable rearguard action, and bearing in mind that they must have known that Ipswich were top, even above Liverpool, they had a psychological barrier to overcome.

. . . but at home they are not among the elite

FIFA WARN NASL

DR. Joao Havelange, President of FIFA told a press conference in Toronto on October 16 that he advised the North American Soccer League a month ago that it must go by the rules governing all soccer or FIFA will have to take action against the league.

As the NASL is not directly affiliated to FIFA, Dr. Havelange suggested that any action FIFA takes would involve the Canadian Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation. "They have to make the NASL live up to the rules," he said.

Undoubtedly the main bone of contention between the world body and the NASL is the 35 yard offside line, but there are other matters involved and Havelange said: "An arbitration committee is currently investigating the NASL."

Officials of the NASL are not making any comments at this time, but at the recent NASL meetings in Toronto, owners of the NASL clubs indicated that they are considering a penalty system similar to ice hockey in which a team would play a man short for certain period of time during a game. This, too, would bring the NASL into conflict with FIFA rules.

Apparently FIFA is considering suspending both the CSA and the USSF if they do not bring the NASL into line before the start of next season, action that would isolate soccer in Canada and the United States from the rest of the world.

Havelange will be meeting with NASL officials again shortly on the matter.

NORTH AMERICA by Colin Jose

Points system to be changed

IF you like to follow the North American Soccer League and thought the points system was confusing then you had better save your pennies, because next season you will need a pocket calculator. Yes, that's right, they've made it even more complicated.

Would you believe nine points for a win, one point for the first goal, two for the second and three for the third, thus bringing a team maximum of 15 points if it wins by three goals or more. On the other hand if a game ends in a tie and is settled via the NASL shoot out method then the winning team will only get seven points for its win.

Under the old NASL system a team was awarded six points for a win, plus one point for every goal scored to a maximum of three.

Apparently the NASL feels that the league has shown a trend towards more defensive soccer in recent years and that some teams have been playing for a shoot out, and of course defensive soccer is something that could kill the progress the league has made in recent years.

In announcing the new points set up following the league meetings in Toronto NASL commissioner Phil Woosnam said: "There is a belief by most clubs that clubs have been going into matches trying to get into a shoot out situation. Therefore we're decreasing the number of points you can get for a shoot out and we're increasing the number of points you can get for goals.

"By increasing the points for goals, we feel it will have an effect on the attitude of the coaches and players entering a game."

The meetings also decided that "Soccer Bowl 81" the NASL's championship game would be played in Toronto, the first time the game has been played outside the United States.

Soccer Bowl 81 will be played at Exhibition Stadium in Toronto, which is rather like playing the FA Cup Final on a car park. Canada recently played its World Cup qualifying game against Mexico there, and of course the Toronto Blizzard plays all its home games at the same stadium.

Before the World Cup game the Mexicans complained bitterly about having to play on the artificial surface, while other teams have complained about the camber of the field which drops 18 inches from the centre of the field to the touchlines.

The final choice for Soccer Bowl 81 was between Exhibition Stadium in Toronto and Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton which is a superior soccer stadium and is also blessed with natural grass. Toronto, however, won out because its an international city well known to Americans while Edmonton supposedly is not.

Several other matters came under scrutiny at the Toronto meetings including reducing the number of teams in the league from 24 to 20 in order to get rid of the less successful franchises, however, no agreement was reached, but the matter still seems to be alive and will come up again at future meetings.

Realignment of the league is also under consideration with the idea of reducing travelling and increasing established rivalries.

There will be five Canadian teams in the league next year with the addition of teams in Montreal and Calgary. The league has finally confirmed that the Philadelphia franchise will be moved to Montreal for 1981 where it will be operated by Molsons, one of Canada's largest breweries. In addition the Memphis Rogues will move to Calgary, while quite possibly the Houston Hurricane club will move to Memphis. Both the California group that is interested in buying the Houston team and the league are interested in having a team in Memphis where the Rogues have done quite well in terms of attendance despite having a poor team.

Each year the players in the NASL select the league All Star teams voting for the top goalkeeper, the top four defenders, the top three midfielders and the top three strikers. Invariably it seems that central defenders dominate the back four players and centre strikers the top forwards.

This year's first and second teams were.

First Team: Goalkeeper: Phil Parkes (Chicago): Defenders: Carlos Alberto (New York), Mike Connell (Tampa Bay), Rudi Krol (Vancouver), Bruce Rioch (Seattle): Midfield: Franz Beckenbauer (New York), Vladislav Bogicevic (New York), Teofilo Cubillas (Fort Lauderdale): Forwards: Giorgio Chinaglia (New York), Johan Cruyff (Washington), Roger Davies (Seattle).

Second Team: Jack Brand (Seattle): Defenders: Mihalj Keri (Los Angeles), Peter Nogly (Edmonton), Wim Rijsbergen (New York), John Ryan (Seattle): Midfield: Alan Hudson (Seattle), Johan Neeskens (New York), Arno Steffenhagen (Chicago): Forwards: Luis Fernando (Los Angeles), Karl-Heinz Granitza (Chicago), Steve Wegerle (Tampa Bay).

In addition to the regular All Star teams the Professional Soccer Reporters Association selects a North American all star team from the Canadians and Americans in the league. This team was:

Goalkeeper: Jack Brand (Seattle); Defenders: Robert Iarusci (Washington), Jeff Durgan (New York), Steve Pecher (Dallas), Tony Ballinger (Dallas): Midfield: Wes McLeod (Tampa Bay), Ringo Cantillo (New England), Perry Van der Beck (Tampa Bay): Forwards: Steve Moyers (California), Angelo DiBernardo (New York), Njego Pesa (Dallas).

Fort Lauderdale winger Jeff Cacciatore evades a lunging tackle from New York Cosmos defender Angelo Di Bernado during the 1980 NASL Soccer Bowl. New York won 3-0.

ASIA by Godfrey Robert

Kuwait - first Arab winners of the top cup

THE Asian Football Confederation will revive the home-and-away series between the Asian and African champions.

Peter Vellapan, the AFC secretary, made the announcement while attending the Asian Cup soccer finals in Kuwait recently.

The clash was inaugurated in 1976 but political developments prevented an Iranian team, the then Asian champions, from going to Nigeria for the return match.

This time, Iran, winners of the Asian Cup in 1968, 1972 and 1976, will not be involved in the series as they were beaten 2-1 by hosts Kuwait in the Asian Cup semi-finals on Sept. 26.

Kuwait, who splashed nearly £700,000 on the tournament, reaped their rewards in reputation when they overwhelmed South Korea 3-0 in the final on Sept. 28.

The Kuwaitis, coached by former Brazilian World Cup star Carlos Alberto, proved too swift and sure as they carved out a stunning victory with goals by Faisal Dekeel (two) and Saad A-hati.

An interesting issue that surfaced during the two-week tournament was the controversial use of ball boys as "messengers" by the Kuwaiti team during their early matches which drew strong objections from other competing nations.

The Kuwaiti bench was accused of giving instructions via the ball boys to the players while the games were in progress.

The Malaysian team manager, R. Ramalingam, sought the support of FIFA technical delegate Roger Quinche to stop the practice and he succeeded: The ball pickers were placed away from the benches and Kuwait's assistant coach Jawad Maqseed was told not to signal or instruct during matches.

But nothing could prevent the Kuwaitis from becoming the first Arab country to win the cup with a brand of soccer so typical of the Brazilian players: the dribble and pass game.

Kuwait, where soccer began in an organised form only in 1958, turned their eyes to the "samba men" with colossal sums of money as the carrot.

Finance is no problem to the oil-rich Kuwaitis, and apart from paying coach Alberto (US$32,000 a month), who took over from another Brazilian Mario Zagalo, the rustle of the petro-dollars has also been felt by four other Brazilians, who act as assistant coaches.

Buoyed by the "success" of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the Olympic Games soccer competition in Moscow, the Kuwaitis' efficient planning helped them bag the prized Asian Cup.

But, surprisingly, their joy in the lofty heights of success, was short-lived: they finished last in the Merdeka Cup competition which ended in Kuala Lumpur on Nov. 2.

Morocco raised the eyebrows of Asian soccer pundits when they edged out Malaysia 2-1 in the final of the eight-nation tournament. Morocco, who led 1-0 at halftime, scored through Khourrag Hamid and Labd Khalifa, while veteran Soh Chin Aun replied for Malaysia.

Asian Cup results: Iran 0 Syria 0, Qatar 2 United Arab Emirates 1, Kuwait 1 UAE 1, Malaysia 1 South Korea 1, North Korea 3 Bangladesh 2, Malaysia 2 UAE 0, China 2 Iran 2, South Korea 2 Qatar 0, Syria 1 Bangladesh 0, Kuwait 3 Malaysia 1, North Korea 2 China 1, South Korea 3 Kuwait 0, North Korea 2 Syria 1, Kuwait 4 Qatar 0, China 6 Bangladesh 0, Iran 3 North Korea 2, South Korea 4 UAE 1, Malaysia 1 Qatar 1, Syria 1 China 0, Iran 7 Bangladesh 0.

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GROUP A							
Iran	4	2	2	0	12	4	6
North Korea	4	3	0	1	9	7	6
Syria	4	2	1	1	3	2	5
China	4	1	1	2	9	5	3
Bangladesh	4	0	0	4	2	17	0
GROUP B							
South Korea	4	3	1	0	10	2	7
Kuwait	4	2	1	1	8	5	5
Malaysia	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Qatar	4	1	1	2	3	8	3
UAE	4	0	1	3	3	9	1

Merdeka Cup results: Malaysia 2 Morocco 0, New Zealand 5 Kuwait 1, South Korea 1 Indonesia 0, Morocco 2 Thailand 1, Indonesia 2 Kuwait 1, New Zealand 2 South Korea 1, Morocco 2 Burma 2, Malaysia 2 Thailand 2, New Zealand 0 Indonesia 0, South Korea 3 Kuwait 0, Thailand 2 Burma 1, South Korea 1 Morocco 1, Malaysia 1 Indonesia 1, Thailand 1 Kuwait 0, New Zealand 1 Burma 1, Malaysia 1 South Korea 1, Morocco 3 New Zealand 0, Thailand 1 Indonesia 1, South Korea 1 Burma 1, Malaysia 2 Kuwait 1, Burma 1 Kuwait 3, Morocco 2 Indonesia 0, Morocco 3 Kuwait 0, Burma 1 Indonesia 0, Thailand 1 New Zealand 1, Malaysia 2 New Zealand 0, South Korea 0 Thailand 0, Malaysia 3 Burma 2.

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Malaysia	7	4	3	0	13	7	11
Morocco	7	4	2	1	13	6	10
South Korea	7	2	4	1	8	5	8
Thailand	7	2	4	1	8	7	8
New Zealand	7	2	3	2	9	8	7
Indonesia	7	1	3	3	4	7	5
Burma	7	1	3	3	9	12	5
Kuwait	7	1	0	6	6	17	2

Meanwhile Iraq have been suspended from all international competitions for two years and fined £1,200 by FIFA following their "little war" during their Olympic qualifying match against Kuwait early this year.

The FIFA action after an enquiry where Malaysian referee George Joseph alleged that he was threatened with a pistol and also said that his wallet containing US$500 was stolen from his hotel room after the Kuwait-Iraq match in which he gave a penalty that earned Kuwait a 3-2 victory.

At the enquiry, it was also stated that Joseph was forced to admit a mistake in giving a penalty "under pressure" of Iraqi officials.

Seven-a-side soccer — that's the aim of the Football Association of Singapore whose organisational ability at the recent Lion City Cup competition received tremendous plaudits from the competing nations.

Contest

With Cathay Pacific Airways agreeing to sponsor the international tournament, the FAS have earmarked teams such as Thailand, Malaysia, Hongkong, Indonesia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Australia, South Korea, Macao, the Philippines and India for the seven-a-side contest in the Republic next August.

Though the FAS have started preparations for the 'sevens' meet, their big wigs are presently concentrating on three other important dates — the King's Cup in Bangkok from Nov. 15 to Dec. 3, the Asian Youth Championship in Manila from Dec. 1 to 14 and the pre-World Cup Asian Zone Group Four tournament in Hongkong from Dec. 21 to Jan. 4.

FIFA have ruled that the six teams will play in a preliminary round after which they will be divided into two groups. The top two teams will meet in the final on Jan. 4.

The winners will play in the Asian Zone finals where two teams will finally qualify for the World Cup in Spain in 1982.

The draw for the preliminary round: Singapore v Japan; Hongkong v China, North Korea v Macao.

MALAYSIA, runners-up in the recent Merdeka Cup soccer tournament in Kuala Lumpur, are considering having professional and semi-professional footballers in the country.

Datuk Chin Hon Nglan, the Malaysian Deputy Minister for Youth, Culture and Sports, was quoted as saying this in reply to a question by Member of Parliament Lee Lam Thye.

Chin added that Malaysia plan to send players and coaches abroad for training with professional soccer in view.

But it won't be an easy switch. Malaysian Sports Minister Datuk Mokhtar Hashim warned in a Malaysian newspaper: "We have to view it from all angles – whether we have the facilities to cater for the sport once it becomes professional.

"Then again, such a move has to be planned. It just cannot be a Sports Ministry project. The government will probably have to be involved too.

"We would also need to have the views of the FA of Malaysia. Should they approach us on this subject, we'd go ahead and study the project".

Three footballers from Singapore, where soccer is still an amateur sport, had a taste of professional soccer when they spent a short stint in Hongkong.

Striker Quah Kim Song, midfield player Rajagopal Sunamurthy and goalkeeper Edmund Wee turned up for Caroline Hill, the First Division professional club, in the league recently.

World Soccer Diary compiled by Keir Radnedge

USA HAVE LO

SOCCER in the United States presents, to the outsider, two intriguing sides of the same coin.

On the one hand we have the publicity men's dream, the Soccer Bowl and the Beckenbauer Farewell — all played out in a blaze of glory.

But whereas that sort of window dressing extends a myth that soccer has swept all before it Stateside, the truth is that the NASL has a long way to go before even every soccer-playing American has been won over. (Yes, I don't object to the term *soccer* — just as I don't object to Germans calling the game *Fussball*, or Italians calling it *Calcio*. That's their business.)

The problem with introducing any sport to the US is the immensity of the country. But what I found especially heartening on a recent visit was that the kids are taking to soccer, in droves, hundreds of miles from the nearest NASL outposts.

I watched a bunch of 12-year-olds playing in Idaho. Plenty of skill, tons of enthusiasm. The only problem is that the adults running the Little League could do with another 200 volunteers to keep up with the numbers of kids who want to play.

The boys — and girls — were adamant about their love for the game. They told me it was easier to get a game than in baseball and safer than American football.

And indeed, at about that time, one of the TV networks ran a horrifying feature about how some schools and coaches inculcate children in the 'up and at 'em' philosphy of American football.

"Call our game tackleball," one mother told me. "*Your* game is the real football."

But the real football still has a long way to go, even in major centres. I know the soccer season has ended for the NASL, but it was nevertheless startling to see that a major newspaper such as the *Los Angeles Times* took just four paragraphs on the back of its *20-page* sports supplement to report the Americans' World Cup draw with Canada!

But then, perhaps America has never been fed the staple diet of international team competition on which European sports fans thrive. After all, there's no international outlet for American football, or baseball, nor, apart from the Olympics, for ice hockey and basketball.

Perhaps international team sport success isn't so important — which may be a good job considering the fact that, as I write, the Americans are facing World Cup elimination.

No — I think the reality is that an awareness of soccer's international face has yet to arrive. The same *Los Angeles Times*, writing in a memory of a university football team who lost 16 players in a 1960 plane crash, described the incident as having been the worst air disaster in sports history.

The writer clearly new nothing of Torino and Superga 1949 — and internationally, the Munich disaster of 1958 had a far wider significance, even if fewer players were killed.

But there's plenty of hope for soccer, Stateside. I saw it written in the face of the boy in Boise, Idaho, when I asked how long he hoped to go on playing the game.

He replied, instantly and dreamily: "As long as I live."

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LABRUNA, Part One: River Plate coach, Angel Labruna, on being asked whether he'd like to see any of the game's rules altered, replied: "Yes – I'd like to see each team allowed to swap 17 or 18 players a game. That way the Press won't go asking any of my team if he'd had a row with me after I pull him off!"

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WHEN Italy's Udinese sacked Marino Perani as manager after only three games of the season he wasn't far off breaking the record for quick dismissals.

That's held by Gustavo Giagnoni, axed after only one game of the season four years ago, by Milan.

Yet who should be hired to replace Perani, the one-time Bologna international right-winger? None other than Giagnoni himself.

It's certainly a dog's life for an Italian coach, Giovanni Trapattoni will testify. With Juvent criticised on all sides for allowing the team grow old, being blamed in passing for the natio team's failures, knocked out of the UEFA C on penalties by Widzew Lodz . . . on top of that the bribes scandal commission has reopen inquiries into the alleged 1-1 fix between Ju and Bologna last season — and Trapattoni h been summoned to give evidence.

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LABRUNA, Part Two: No family favourites River Plate. Midfielder Omar Raul Labru received a rocket and a fine from his father wh he turned up late for training. Most playe usually get away with just the fine!

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SPANISH football is the dearest in the world for fans — according to a recent survey of prices Europe.

And Barcelona come top of that chart, wit range of £5 to £15 for a place in Nou Camp a big match.

Barcelona clearly need the money to try placate their fans with one big signing af another, as they stagger from crisis to crisis.

After the summer's spending spree and t appointment of Ladislao Kubala as first tea coach, it was expected that Barsa would be t there leading the league from the start.

Instead, they've struggled badly — losi heavily at home to Valencia, and sufferi reverses to stun the fans, particularly the I

Where are they now?

*WHERE ARE THEY NOW? – **Justo Tejada.** One of the only two Spanish internationals to play for all three historic clubs – Barcelona, Real Madrid and Espanol. Goalkeeper Ricardo Zamora was the other, but he had long since retired when Tejada made his debut at outside-right for Barcelona and Spain in the mid-1950s. Won Fairs' Cup and championship medals with Barsa, joining Real Madrid in 1961 and grabbed vital goals on the way to European Cup final defeat by Benfica. Joined Espanol that summer after Madrid signed Amancio. Retired two years later and got out of football. Now runs a restaurant in Barcelona.*

Book Reviews

RAMON MARSAL was born in Madrid, in December, 1934. All his effective career in top-flight football was played for Real Madrid in the 1950s, writes Jonathan Shallard.

He won two caps for Spain and also a 1956 Champions' Cup-winners' medal with Madrid, in the first final of all, the 4-3 win over Reims in Paris.

Not that his name is much remembered. In fact, all too frequently in books, magazines and brochures purporting to record the facts of the European Cup, his name is turned into "Marchal."

Frequent repitition of that lie has been an easy guide over the years, allowing those who *know* to make a quick distinction between books which are the product of deep research, and those which are merely regurgitation.

The fact that Marsal appears in his own true colours in *The European Cup 1955-80*, by BBC TV men John Motson and John Rowlinson (Queen Anne Press, £10.95) is one clear mark of the painstaking years of preparation which have gone into the most exhaustive history so far of Europe's No. 1 cup tournament.

Starting with Lord Nelson, and bringing the reader gradually up through the well-rehearsed days of Hugo Meisl and the Mitropa Cup, on to Wolves' delusions of grandeur, then Real Madrid, Benfica, Milan and the rest, the book is a must for anyone who is 'into' the Champions' Cup.

It is NOT a children's Christmas annual — it is an adult book which deals seriously with the games, the goals, the controversies and the characters. And that can make it appear a little formidable.

There are no colour plates — just a few might have lifted the impression — and the first chapter is a mighty 30 pages which covers all the vital first five years of Madrid magic, taking in Manchester United's Busby Babes and the genesis of British interest along the way.

There are many new pictures which have not, to my knowledge, been included in British publications previously, and of particular interest is the stills sequence from the BBC film which apparently proves what I always felt — that Joaquin Peiro did NOT foul Tommy Lawrence in scoring that controversial goal for Inter against Liverpool in the 1965 semi-final.

World Soccer Diary compiled by Keir Radnedge

ONG WAY TO GO

defeat away to newly-promoted Osasuna and the 4-0 UEFA Cup stunner by Köln.

Osasuna were most people's early favourites for relegation. But it's Barcelona who have been struggling at the wrong end of the table and president Jose Luis Nunez didn't wait long before giving Kubala a "success or bust" ultimatum. Now Helenio Herrera is over his head again.

One of these days, someone may start asking whether — instead of the recent high turnover in coaches — maybe the president should go instead. Barcelona have achieved little but notoriety since he succeeded Agustin Montal three years ago.

GOLDEN BOOT leaders — Ohlsson (Hammarby) 19 goals — Rajaniemi (Sepsi) 18, Andreyev (Rostov) 18, Hansen (Naestved) 18 — Blokhin (Kiev) 16 — Madsen (B93) 15, Jensen (Aarhus) 15, Aabeck (KB) 15 — Himanka (OPs) 14, Welzl (Alkaar) 14, Skovboe (Naestved) 14 — Tissari (KTP) 13, Onnis (Tours) 13, Nilsson (IFK Gothenburg) 13, Petersen (Koege) 13, Bastrup (Aarhus) 13.

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DATES TO WATCH — Dec. 2: Euro U21: Bulgaria-W. Germany and Czechoslovakia-Turkey . . . Dec. 3: WC — Bulgaria-W. Germany, Czechoslovakia-Turkey . . . Dec. 5: U21 — Greece-Italy . . . Dec. 6: WC — Albania-Austria, Greece-Italy . . . Dec. 7: WC — Malta-Poland, Guatemala-Honduras . . . Dec. 10: WC — Costa Rica-El Salvador . — UEFA Cup third round, second legs — Argentina-Russia (Mar del Plata) . . . Dec. 14: WC — Honduras-Panama . . . Dec. 17: WC — Portugal-Israel . . . . U21 — Spain-Luxembourg . . . Dec. 20: WC — Cyprus-Belgium . . . Dec. 21: WC — El Salvador-Guatemala . . . Dec. 30: Mundialito — Uruguay-Holland (Montevideo).

The latest big signing has been the brilliant West German, Bernd Schuster, snatched from the grasp of New York Cosmos to the great relief of West German boss Jupp Derwall, while Schuster and Köln argued about bonus money owed.

Schuster's arrival seems to mean a new departure for Hans Krankl. But following that 4-0 home defeat by Köln — of all people — in the UEFA Cup (managed by ex-Barcelona coach Rinus Michels!) anything could happen!

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PORTUGAL are gaining an unenviable reputation for the lack of care it takes over its players.

A couple of years ago the Porto player, Pavao, died after a game, and now there is new concern about medical safeguards after the death of the Cuf man, Joao Pedro.

It seems Pedro had been found — before the season — to be suffering from a cardiac irregularity. But when he went for a second opinion, he deliberately left the original report at home, and was passed fit.

He collapsed after a league game against Barrierense and died minutes later.

Three years ago the Italian player, Renato Curi, suffered a heart attack during a game between Ascoli and Juventus and died on the way to hospital.

You would have thought Artemio Franchi, president then to the Italian federation as well as UEFA, would have used the incident as an object lesson in checking on the care taken throughout Europe to make sure players are not only fit — but healthy.

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST'S elimination by CSKA Sofia from the Champions' Cup opens the way to their participation in the World Club cup, against Nacional Montevideo.

The Uruguayans couldn't tie up autumn dates because of the closure, for Mundialito renovations, of the Centenario stadium. Now the dates suggested are: February 4 in Montevideo, and March 31 or April 1 in Nottingham.

Ironic that Nacional should be put off by the Mundialito. As I write the club are withholding their seven selected players from national manager Roque Maspoli's squad sessions. Money, of course, is at the root of the trouble.

Nacional, having gone from near-bankruptcy to the South American and Uruguayan titles in less than 12 months, are in no mood — or position, for that matter! — to be generous.

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ONE player out of every 11 in Holland is using some form of doping, says the Ajax club doctor. I wonder . . . how does he know?

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MITROPA CUP followers will be interested to know that this season's competition is being run by the Italian federation.

It's their turn. Taking part in a home-and-away four-club league for Europe's oldest club title are Como (Italy), Csepel (Hungary), NZ Zagreb (Yugoslavia) and Tatran Presov (Czechoslovakia).

Names in the news

Ex-Italy spearhead ROBERTO BONINSEGNA has made a comeback with fourth division Viadanese . . . Napoli are hoping RUDI KROL will stay to the end of the season . . . CESARE MALDINI, one-time Milan sweeper and later coach, is to aid Italy boss Enzo Bearzot . . . FELICE COLOMBO, banned for life from football, has been replaced as Milan president by Roberto Mozzarino . . . MIGUEL MUNOZ, coach of Sevilla, has been suspended for six matches in Spain for protesting to a referee . . . LUIZ PEREIRA has been sold by Atletico Madrid to Flamengo . . . Athletic Bilbao have sacked Austria World Cup coach, HELMUT SENEKOWITSCH . . . ex-Spain right-back INAKI SAEZ is the caretaker . . . Burgos boss LUCIEN MULLER has turned down an offer to succeed axed GILBERT GRESS at Strasbourg . . . BOB HOUGHTON has quit Ethnikos of Greece to manage Bristol City . . . ROGER COHANNIER has stepped down as president of Servette . . . trouble at Cosmos, first over the dropping of CARLOS ALBERTO for the Soccer Bowl, then over the hide-and-seek escapades of JOHAN NEESKENS . . . BUM KUN-CHA is playing again for Eintracht Frankfurt after a remarkably quick recovery from serious back injury . . . ANATOLY SINCHENKO, Rapid Vienn's Russian signing, has yet to arrive . . . Brugge have sacked championship-winning coach HANS GRYZENHOUT . . . GRESS takes over . . . JON LAURIDSEN of Esbjerg has turned down a trial with Sevilla . . . ALBERT BATTEUX, guiding brians at Reims in the 1950s, has taken over crisis-torn Marseille.

The bibliography of the European Champions' Cup has grown briskly in the last couple of years, particularly with a couple of French-language books, notably the one by Jacques Ferran, who did much of the original groundwork to launch the tournament on behalf of Paris sports daily, *L'Equipe*.

Having read them, I think I can say that Motson and Rowlinson's volume stands briefly supreme as the current record of a fast-moving competition.

However, Ramon Marsal turns up in his maligned form, I'm sorry to say, in the *Encyclopedia of World Football*, by Phil Soar/Martyn Tyler/Richard Widdows (Marshall Cavendish, £7.95).

One Marshall Cavendish book tends to look much like any other — all big-colour, quality production but a fairly straightforward text which always leaves a feeling you read it somewhere before — perhaps in another Marshall Cavendish book.

This version of the series spends half its pages summarising in words and results the World Cup, European championship and European club cups. But of greater interest may well be the all-too-brief sections dealing with football in third world and other far-afield confederations.

If you are looking for a book which lists the career data of Eusebio, or when Zoltan Czibor was born, or how many times Matthias Sindelar played for Austria, don't look here — it's not *that* sort of encyclopedia, despite the title.

But for a general, worldwide review of the game abroad it's sure to leave a wide appeal across the age groups.

SOUTH AMERICA by Eric Weil

CORDOBA TEAMS TO THE FORE

WITH the Argentine national championship at the halfway stage, Rosario's Newell's Old Boys — with Olimpia (Paraguay) play-maker Talavera on loan — are the only unbeaten team with a 5-2-0 record and a two-point lead in section C of the 28-team tournament in four sections from which the top two of each advance to the quarter finals after seven more games . . . but it is the Cordoba teams which are making the headlines.

Racing Club (Cordoba) hold a two-point lead in section A and appear as the most likely first division side to qualify for the last eight. They are certainly up to first division standard under Alfio Basile, a coach with plenty of first division experience. But closer to the first division are Instituto Cordoba, a point out of a qualifying place in section D who, if they make it, would be in the final round for the second year running and thus qualify for a first division place under the same FA rule which put Talleres Cordoba — currently third and a point out of a qualifying place in section B — into the first division this season.

The strong objections by the Cordoba league at seeing their strongest club, Talleres, join the first division, are not likely to be repeated. The league has been intervened by the provincial government due to a series of irregularities in their own championship and their continued opposition to FA rulings which "has been detrimental to Cordoba soccer." (Atletico Tucuman would also qualify for a first division place if they enter the last eight, but although they are only two points behind runners-up Velez Sarsfield in section A, they don't look strong candidates.)

The draw this year has been somewhat uneven, leaving group C much weaker and group B stronger than the rest. In the former case big clubs Independiente and Newell's Old Boys were expected to have an easy passage, but Independiente — six times Libertadores Cup winners — have still not got out of the rut and FC Oeste are currently second to Newell's.

Group B has Boca Juniors, expected to be strong candidates after finishing the first division championship with only one defeat in 14 games, as well as Talleres and strong provincial side San Martin (Mendoza) apart from Argentinos Juniors, runners-up to River Plate in this season's first division, who lead by two points. Argentinos are also top scorers with 19 goals, eight of which have been netted by Maradona — who again tops the scorers table — and six by Pasculli (who is joint second) transferred from Colon for $250,000 just before the "National" . . . and it is rumoured that Maradona put up the cash. If he did, he didn't go wrong, because the two play very well together.

And talking of Maradona, Argentinos Juniors were due to pay back the first $100,000 instalment of the $400,000 the FA loaned them to pay the player to stay with them and they don't seem to have the cash. They were arranging to play in the United States and Mexico in November to get the dollars, but this could hit their chances in the National Championship.

River Plate and Boca Juniors, the two classical rivals of Argentine soccer, drew their first national championship clash (an inter-section game) 2-2 on the former's field and, as expected, it showed Boca's fighting spirit against River's much superior individual play. Boca's international centre-forward Outes (two caps) — a bargain buy from Independiente at $150,000 just before the start of the championship — scored his 100th goal which seemed to be a clear hands . . . but perhaps players are allowed to hand in every 100th goal.

Outes may be the scorer Boca Juniors have been looking for since Mastrangelo's injury which has kept him out all season. But Outes is keeping out young striker Randazzo who nevertheless always makes his presence felt when he comes on as substitute . . . which makes one wonder why the two seldom play together in this line which finds goals so hard to get.

River Plate seem to have a similar problem. International Diaz is the team's top scorer, but not a first team regular as World Cup centre-forward Luque and Diaz rarely play together. The same thing happens in the national team. Coaches say the two strikers do not hit it off together . . . which is a pity for River Plate and Argentina.

Dope tests on players after matches finally started in October with no positive results so far . . . but back to Cordoba. The two big matches on a recent Sunday were Talleres v Boca Juniors in Cordoba and champions River Plate v Instituto in Buenos Aires. The gate takings in the provincial town of Cordoba were four and a half times those obtained in the capital . . . which tells its own story.

In Peru: SPORTING CRISTAL ALMOST HOME

CHAMPIONS Sporting Cristal have already assured themselves of a place in the top four who will play off for the title . . . with a seven-point lead over second-placed Atletico Torino and Asociacion Deportiva Tarma.

And as teams will carry on with points obtained so far, Sporting have as good as assured themselves of their second title in succession. Small wonder therefore that the club has eight players in the recently picked national team squad — goalkeeper Quiroga,

Bianchi (right) back in Velez Sarsfield colours after several successful seasons in France, scores in the 5-1 victory over Racing (Cordoba) in the Argentine national championship. He got a hat-trick in the match and is joint second championship scorer.

River Plate's Diaz scores point blank in front of Boca Juniors' Gatti in the Argentine soccer classic which ended 2-2 at the former's stadium.

Coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo . . . alive and well and causing trouble in Mexico.

defenders Diaz and Gutierrez, halves Reyna, Chinchay and Uribe and forwards Mosquera and Ramirez.

Likewise the bottom four play off to decide relegation — last year it was eight playing off for the title and the other eight for relegation — but with Juventud La Palma already trailing the next to bottom club by five points, it looks as if both the top and bottom play-offs will be decided before they start.

In a valiant effort to make the top four, popular Lima club Universitario de Deportes have signed on Uruguayan coach Roberto Scarone who left them 10 months earlier, but they are eighth, four points behind fourth-placed Alfonso Ugarte, and their chances seem remote.

Meanwhile, in several provincial leagues players have been suspended for saying "sweet nothings" to women . . . because the woman happened to be the referee!

ELSEWHERE . . .

IN COLOMBIA, with two games to go in the "Closing Championship", five clubs are fighting for four top places to qualify for the final round.

Millionarios and last year's champions America top group A with 24 points, followed by Deportivo Cali with 22 who however, together with Atletico Junior de Barranquilla, are already finalists, having occupied the top two places in the season's opening championship.

In group B the three candidates are Cucuta with 25 pts and Nacional and Tolima with 24. Two other clubs to make up the eight-team final round will be the ones which have obtained most points in both the season's championships (apart from those already qualified) and at press time Pereira (49 pts) and Independiente Santa Fe (45 pts) were the most likely candidates.

Bogota team Millionarios, the club which has won most titles, are the leading scorers with 36 goals in 19 matches of this second tournament, but Sergio Sierra, an Argentine-born naturalised Colombian, playing for Pereira, is leading scorer with 13 goals, followed by Brazilian Mario de Queiroz of Millionarios with nine.

CHILE'S most popular club, Colo Colo, were on the point of withdrawing from the championship when a bank, to which it owed $457,000, obtained a court order to take over the club's installations.

The club said it would comply with its financial obligations, but would not be able to incur further expenses — such as paying players — and would therefore have to withdraw from the championship in which it was lying fifth — five points from the top.

The upheaval caused in Chile's sporting circles even prompted President Pinochet to intervene and the state TV network stepped in at the last moment with an agreement to pay part of the debt in exchange for TV rights of 11 international matches Colo Colo would play, including one against the New York Cosmos. . . but this has not got the club out of its financial troubles by far.

Meanwhile the close title fight between Universidad de Chile and Cobreloa and now also Concepcion continued with seven matches to go as the first mentioned leads the other two by a point . . . but this is a bonus point obtained in a pre-season tournament. Otherwise Concepcion would be joint leaders.

IN URUGUAY, Nacional finished the first division championship with a six-point lead over Wanderers after they had already made sure of the title three weeks earlier.

The team, which this season also won the South American club championship (Libertadores Cup) and is likely to clash with England's Nottingham Forest early next year for the Inter-Continental Cup, was taken over by coach Jose Mujica in February. They have a good mixture of experience and youth with the return from abroad of veterans Blanco, Morales and Esparrago (mentioned earlier in WORLD SOCCER).

The team now plays with a "libero" and a stopper — which the national team, under Roque Maspoli, has also adopted — and for this they have an outstanding player in 22-year-old defender Hugo De Leon, the season's revelation in Uruguay.

The first division will be further increased to 15 clubs next season with second division winners Rampla Juniors taking the place of bottom Rentistas who then lost a play-off with second division runner-up Liverpool who thus also return to the first division.

IN PARAGUAY, Olimpia, under their fifth Uruguayan coach — Jose Sasia — within a year since winning the 1979 Libertadores Cup, are finally competitive again a point behind group B leaders Sportivo Luqueño and Nacional in the season's second championship . . . which still gives them a chance to retain their first division title.

IN ECUADOR, Universidad Catolica, last season's vice-champions and this year's winners of the first of the season's tournaments which qualify the top three teams for a final round, are in financial difficulties.

Lorenzo starts Mexican storm

CONTROVERSIAL Argentine coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo, who won the Libertadores Cup with Argentina's Boca Juniors in 1977 and 1978, but left the financially ailing club at the end of 1979 for a turbulent spell with Racing Club (Argentina), is now in Mexico as Atlante coach and has managed to make enemies on all sides in a few short weeks.

Lorenzo — who walked out on Racing without completing his contract — is reported to get $45,000, a house and a car for one season with Atlante and has the other coaches in Mexico against him because they earn quite a bit less and say he has only come to teach rough play — for which the Argentine coach is, of course, famous, also in Mexico where fans remember the rough and negative encounters between Boca Juniors and America for the Inter-American Cup in 1978. Furthermore, Lorenzo, came to blows with Atlas coach Alfonso Portugal during a recent league match over the Atlante team's rough tactics.

Lorenzo does not get on well with the players who do not like his tactical changes and he also got into the bad books of Atlante fans when he decided not to let them in to watch training sessions any more — a popular custom in Mexico. Worst of all, however, is that Atlante has not won any of its first three matches in the new Mexican league season.

Atlante, apart from engaging Lorenzo, have bought former Argentine World Cup player Ruben Ayala and Mexican internationals Arture Vazquez Ayala and Jose Fuentes to strengthen the team at a cost of close on a million dollars. The club, which is administrated by the Mexican Social Security Institute, has a large membership.

Wage and contract negotiations with players caused problems before the season started mainly because close on a hundred foreign players — mainly from South American countries — earn more than the Mexicans.

Leading close season signing — apart from already mentioned veteran Real Madrid defender Jose Martinez's ("Pirri") move to Puebla — was that of former Argentine international Robert Diaz (six caps) from Argentina's Racing Club to America for $300,000. America are affectionately known as the "Canary Millionaires" referring to their playing colours and their money.

After three matches America jointly tops group 1 of the four-group 20-team first division with Toluca and Atlas, while Puebla tops group 2 in which Cruz Azul — champions for the last two years — made a poor start, losing their first two matches.

Mexico is another country — apart from Brazil and the United States — who would gladly take over the organisation of the 1986 World Cup finals if Colombia cannot hold them. Mexican officials are confident that with all installations available from the 1970 finals there, they could do a better job than last time — even with 24 finalists. One Mexican paper put it nicely: "The fiesta (feast) was awarded to Colombia in 1974 and in 1980 they are still arguing over who is going to pay the banquet."

El Salvador and Honduras — the two countries which almost started a war over a World Cup qualifying match several years ago — jointly top the Central American group of the Central and North American World Cup qualifying zone. They have two wins from two matches in the five-team group from which the top two teams go into a six-team final round for which a venue has yet to be decided and from which two countries qualify for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

SWITZERLAND by Arthur Rotmil

Clubs enjoy bonus scheme

OF the 14 First Division clubs, no fewer than seven have engaged new team managers this season. Out of that total half are foreigners — three Germans, one Yugoslav, a Frenchman, an Argentinian and a Dutchman. The Argentinian is Oscar Aree, who lately coached in England, before taking over the cup holders FC Sion.

Although it is true that most clubs in countries on the Continent who employ a business manager and a team manager do not as a rule keep the latter for long spells, it is quite false to say that they engage them just for a three years period then part company, as was recently suggested in a BBC interview with an English club coach. In fact, Switzerland provides the best example — the German team boss Helmut Benthaus has now been with Basel for 15 years.

The exit of five players to foreign clubs this season has revived nostalgic memories of past stars who have left this country to seek fame and fortune abroad. There have so far been 42 Swiss players hired by foreign clubs. The first was Gustav Bark, who for professional reason moved to Nürnburg (Germany) in 1911 and played for 1.FC Nürnberg until 1924 winning three championship medals. This former midfielder from the "Basler Old Boys" who played for his country twice, in 1910 (1-6 against England) and in 1911 (2-0 v. Hungary) even became captain of the 1.FC Nürnberg.

Swiss "mercenaries" emigrated, in their time, to Germany, France, Spain, England, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Greece. Two Swiss players performed as so-called 'amateurs' in England — Lajo Amado before the war and Willy Steffen after the war for Chelsea. The third "recruit" is Raimondo Ponte, now with Nottingham Forest. Apart from him, Barberis (Monaco) and Andrey (Grenoble) left for France, Gross (Bochum) and Botteron (Cologne) for Germany, all this past summer.

But, of course, numerous foreigners are active in the Swiss League. One of the most interesting newcomers is the former Polish international centre-back Jerzy Gorgon, who left Gornik Zabrze to join St. Gallen. The now 31-year-old who has had a chequered career recently, has welcomed the tranquility of Switzerland as a country and its League football as certainly less strenuous than that say in Germany, Spain or Italy.

The giant Gorgon has certainly not set Swiss football on fire, but he has fitted in well into the playing pattern at St. Gallen who under their Swiss manager Willy Sommer (five years in office) are holding their own in the First Division.

The revelation of the season have been the Young Boys of Bern. Coached by their former player, the Dutchman Bert Theunissen, the team from the capital city has surprised even the most ardent fans by leaping to the top of the table. The players are undoubtedly encouraged by a unique system of financial rewards. In fact they get a crowd bonus, a cut of the match takings when the attendance exceeds 4,000.

When the home match v. Lucerne drew 25,000 spectators, the players cashed a bonus of between £500 and £1,200 each! The new board of directors, who fixed new terms for each player this season, reckon they saved by comparison with last year between £90,000 and £100,000 by lowering the basic salary and introducing a bonus according to the size of the gate.

This idea may well be copied by other clubs for it guarantees at least that the club will not incur a deficit this season and will be able to apply for more credit from the banks. The crowd bonus is incidentally not a flat rate for all players, but divided according to their status (internationals get more), or for length of service.

The amounts paid out may be regarded as high, but it must be remembered that not every match draws 25,000 and that for away matches there is no bonus. But the players are determined to do well in away games because a good performance would then draw bigger crowds to the next home match.

The national team also operates on a different scale of bonuses. For a win over England either home or away, each player stands to collect £750. A draw will still be worth £500. But for wins over the other group rivals, Romania, Hungary and Norway the bonus is only £500 (£250 for a draw). Of course, should Switzerland qualify for the World Cup finals there will be a special bonus.

This would be divided between players according to the number of matches they played. The bonus arrangements are only valid as long as there is a chance of reaching the finals. When the team has definitely been eliminated, then the bonus will be accordingly reduced, but only after the squad has been consulted by the FA officials.

It is known that most of the international players favour a crowd bonus.

NEW LIFE

by Derick Allsop

THE choice of an international manager from the ranks of eager club bosses is, at best, a difficult one; at worst a mere shot in the dark.

Men who excel in the day-to-day humdrum of club football don't necessarily thrive on the rarified atmosphere of the international game.

Examples of managers who have failed to make a successful transition are legion. Dos Revie, you are not alone.

What, though, of the reverse — does the man who distinguishes himself with a national side make the ideal chief of a club team?

One manager who has made that switch — and raised the question — is Mike Smith, the former Brighton schoolmaster and Corinthian Casuals wing-half who restored the reputation of Welsh football.

Smith was director of coaching in the principality before being appointed manager of the national team. In five years he patiently reorganised Wales, adding discipline and understanding to traditional fervour.

He steered Wales to the quarter-finals of the 1976 European Championship and left a squad now making confident strides towards the 1982 World Cup finals.

There were, inevitably, numerous overtures from impressed clubs and at the end of last year Smith left Wales to tackle League football with English club Hull City.

For Smith it was the opportunity to fulfil himself, for Hull the signing to ensure a return to prosperity. After the early months, however, those ambitions are even more distant.

At the time of writing Hull were bottom of the Third Division, the lowest position in their history.

Smith hadn't enjoyed the best of luck. He'd had a cruel run of injuries, which meant a constant shuffling of his players.

But for the expectant supporters the old disenchantment returned and many questioned Smith's suitability for the job. Surely he, too, must have begun to doubt the wisdom of his move?

Smith's reply is polite but firm. "No, not at all," he says. "Of course I am glad to see Wales doing well in the World Cup but I honestly have no regrets about coming to Boothferry Park."

The cynics would say — and indeed have said — that Smith's financial rewards are enough to sustain him through any football disappointment.

He says: "A lot has been said and written about the salaries being paid to me and to Cyril Lea and Bobby Brown. Those figures (£35,000, £20,000 and £15,000 a year respectively) have been exaggerated.

"I had a lot of offers from clubs while I was with Wales and obviously this five-year contract appealed. There are incentives for doing well.

"But it's not simply a case of money. It can't be in this game. You come into football for the satisfaction, the knowledge that you have tackled the job, and can do it. That's the satisfaction I want with Hull.

"Obviously there are differences between international and club football. With international football each game is like a cup final. The build-up is intense, it's very exciting and stimulating. If you do well you are up there, but if you don't the doubts of the job are with you for weeks.

"With this job you immediately get the chance to do something about a defeat, something positive. You can get to work on something else or make team changes for a match a few days later.

"When I came I was soon involved in buying and selling players, something that had to be

COSMETIC REMEDIES FROM THE CHAIRMEN

ONCE again, the Truman-Dulles Doctrine seems appropriate. As Truman was meant to have said, while President, to his ineffable Secretary of State: "Don't just do something; stand there!" Such advice might well have been given to the Chairmen of the 92 League Clubs, and might again to the extraordinary meeting of the Football League Management Committee convened for January, given the results of the October meeting in Solihull.

by Brian Glanville

An orgy of congratulation followed the convention, though it was hard to see why, since the chairmen had ducked practically every issue of importance, and meddled where it would have been far better to leave well alone.

Three points for a win. Football from Friday to Sunday. Lengthening the interval at half-time to fifteen weary minutes. Making the season run from September to May, thus cutting out August. Asking the Home Office to impose harsher punishments on hooligans and open more attendance centres. Giving a penalty for the so called professional foul. Cosmetic remedies, which do little or nothing to cope with the major problems now faced by the game.

Television, for example. Legally, the clubs are surely right when they accept television's contention that though the contracts have not yet been signed, money has changed hands and they are therefore effectively in operation. Yet I am wholly convinced that much too much football is being shown on television. Usually, through the season, I see only one of the two major programmes, that on Saturday night, which used to be BBC's Match of the Day but is now ITV's The Big Match, introduced by that repugnant blare of discord which masquerades as a theme tune, with a pretentious set of "visuals" which make you expect Brian Moore to step out of a space capsule. On Sunday afternoons, I am usually trying to play football, myself.

At the start of the season, however, in late August, I found myself, unusually, in London, and therefore watched both programmes. I emerged from the second of them, on Sunday afternoon, saturated indeed, a little dazed by the bombardment of games, goals and images; and I am an impassioned follower of the game.

Televised football, we all know, is not the "real" thing; it simplifies, compresses and distorts, but for all that it reaches an audience many times greater than the "real" thing has ever done, an audience substantially composed of instant experts always ready to tell you what happened in a match they didn't attend, and quite unlikely ever to attend a match at all.

Compromise, for me, lies in the realm of such things as shirt advertising, about which the television people are outrageously hypocritical. Truckling to sponsors in a dozen different fields, from cricket to motor racing, show jumping to golf, they yet have the impertinence to object to shirt advertising on ethical grounds (aesthetic grounds would be substantially more apt!)

They are, I think, perfectly entitled to say that soccer already makes plenty of money from advertising because the firms which put up posters in grounds do so in the knowledge that the cameras will be there sooner or later, but that is quite another story. I think that if the TV companies have any sense, they will relax the opposition to shirt advertising. If not the Liverpools of this world, who are thoroughly fed up with the hypocrisy, and the large loss of income, will surely lead a successful revolt.

It is true that television, though they are now putting some £10 million a year into football, are still getting it on the cheap; but as I have said before, it is dangerous to take too much money from them. You can end up in the situation of American gridiron football, which is both the creation and the creature, at professional level, of American TV, a marginal spectator sport turned into something strictly between the two of them. I idiot screen. Soccer doesn't, surely, want to go that way.

Sir Stanley Rous, the former President of FIFA — and would he still were the President; Havelange is another Dulles syndrome man — is wont to say that it's not televised soccer which keeps the crowds away, but simply televised sport on Saturday afternoons. He may be right; you cannot prove him wrong, or anybody else in the debate right or wrong, without an experimental period of suspension. Cut out television for six months or a season, and see what effect, if any, it has on attendances.

Don't forget that it is not only sports television but television *itself* which has drastically changed the habits of the nation;

FOR SMITH

done quickly because we had to avoid relegation. We managed that but I didn't anticipate the struggle we've had this season.

"We've had a terrible run of injuries and one week, for instance, we had nine players out of action. It means constant changes and that upsets the pattern. It becomes hard to reach the standards you demand and knocks confidence. It's not easy to know who to play."

Could it be that the difference between International and Third Division players is greater than he bargained for?

"It would be wrong to draw comparisons in that sense. No matter what the level of play the player must have the desire to learn and do well.

"Take Billy Whitehurst, a lad we've brought here from the Midland League. You say something to him and he can do it."

Despite these early traumas Smith has no complaints — and plenty of optimism. "Local people have been critical and they have a right to be. They lose their belief at a time like this. This is their team and they have to put up with ribbing at work.

"We've also had sympathy and that's something we don't need. It's no good feeling sorry for ourselves. We've got to fight our way out of this.

"I am optimistic about the immediate and long term futures. We have some good players among the reserves and the kids. And we are as keen as the supporters to turn them into a successful team."

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THE United States may still be comparative rookies in the world of international football but they've managed to pick up a few of the game's less pleasant habits.

That, at least, is the conclusion to be drawn

from their recent encounter against an England B team at Old Trafford.

The US, preparing for their World Cup dates with Canada and Mexico, completed their European tour with what, on paper, appears a creditable result — a 1-0 defeat.

But in truth they were spared a hiding by English carelessness and rarely had the nerve to test their attacking skills. They spent most of the evening camped around their own penalty area and, for good measure, gave a display of shirt-pulling and obstruction.

Soccer Federation secretary general Kurt Lamm said: "We didn't play as well as we can but we are right on course."

On course for what?

Colin Jose reports on the World Cup

CANADA IN THE DRIVING SEAT

DESPITE a string of injuries to key players and the continuing refusal of the New York Cosmos to release team captain Bruce Wilson, Canada with four points from three games have all but won a place in the second round of the World Cup in the CONCACAF region.

In the three games played so far in the tough Northern Zone Canada has tied 1-1 with Mexico in Toronto, played to a scoreless tie with the United States in Fort Lauderdale and then beaten the Americans 2-1 in Vancouver.

Three games remain to be played in the schedule and two of those games are between the United States and Mexico with the Americans needing to take three points off the Mexicans to have any chance of edging out Canada. Two teams from the Northern Zone will qualify for the second round which is expected to be played in Costa Rica in the fall of 1981.

While there is little doubt that soccer in Canada and the United States has advanced tremendously in the past decade the same cannot be said of Mexico and the Mexicans were extremely fortunate to escape from Toronto with a tie. Canada controlled all but the final 10 minutes of the game and in the end it was inexperience that prevented the Canadians from taking both points.

Canada took the lead against the Mexicans three minutes before half-time when Mike Stojanovic headed in a pass from Branko Segota and as a result Mexico are forced to come out of their defensive shell in the second half when Canada with a little better finishing might have added two more against a Mexican goalkeeper in Ignacio Rodriguez who was a lont way below international class.

In desperation in the second half the Mexicans began to use the long ball, but they failed to make any impression until late in the game when the Canadian defence lost its composure and allowed Jose Gonzalex to equalise with one minute and 23 seconds left to play.

The Mexicans were delighted to escape with a draw and assistant coach Antonio Carbajal, Mexico's most famous goalkeeper underlined this when he said: "A draw here was the same as a win for us."

The Canadians then travelled to Fort Lauderdale to meet a US team that had just returned from a promising European tour. However, the Americans despite having 70 per cent of the play were given very few chances by a tight Canadian defence and when they did break through they found young Canadian goalkeeper Tino Lettieri in fine form. Canada came close three minutes after the interval when Mike Stojanovic hit the bar.

One week later in Vancouver the teams met again and this time it was the Canadians who controlled most of the game despite losing midfielder Gene Strenicer with a dislocated shoulder. It was a hard fought game as games between the United States and Canada invariably are, and despite the pressure was played in a fine spirit and well controlled by referee Molina Mendez of Guatemala.

Canada opened the scoring when US goalkeeper Arnie Mausser was caught in two minds as Gerry Gray hit a curling free-kick across the penalty area. Mausser came off his line, but then decided to go back and in doing so slipped and could only watch as Canadian sweeper Robert Iarusci headed the ball past him and just inside the far post.

Shortly afterwards Gray hit a terrific shot which hit the far post and appeared to bounce down over the line and then spin out and hit the other post. It was reminiscent of Wembley 1966 and Geoff Hurst's controversial goal against West Germany, but his time the referee waved play-on.

But then the Canadians struck again and as Stojanovic and American centre-back Steve Pecher raced for a through ball, Pecher pulled Stojanovic down in the penalty area. It was something of a harsh call as it was made on a 50-50 ball, but the referee had no hesitation in awarding Canada a penalty kick from which Branko Segota gave Arnie Mausser no chance. Shortly before half-time Segota missed a great chance to make it 3-0.

Canada retreated more in the second half but the Americans rarely tested Lettieri, while Canada might have added to their score as Mausser made a great save on a blistering drive by Segota and Bobby Lenarduzzi had a shot kicked off the line.

But once again the concentration of the Canadian defence lapsed in the final minutes and with 39 seconds left to play Greg Villa standing unmarked in the middle of the penalty area headed a corner from Ricky Davis past Letteiri. But it turned out to be to little too late for the Americans who are now facing the always difficult task of taking a point off the Mexicans at Azteca Stadium in the next game just to stay alive.

RESULTS

OCTOBER 18

Toronto — World Cup CONCACAF Northern Zone)
Canada 1 (Stojanovic 42)
Mexico 1 (Gonzalez 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,247. **Ref:** Siles (Costa Rica).

Canada: Lettieri — Iarusci — Bolitho (McLenaghen, Sweeney), McGrane, B. Lenarduzzi — Gray, Strenicer, McLeod — Segota, Stojanovic, Mitchell.

Mexico: Rodriguez — Vazquez Ayala — Trejo, Tena, Bravo — Cuellar, Ramirez (Gonzalez), Munguia, Mendizabal (Lira) — Castro, Sanchez.

Canada controlled most of this game and were well worth their 1-0 half time lead on a fine header by Mike Stojanovic. The Mexicans who had been content to sit back were then forced to come out and with more steadiness in front of goal Canada might have added two more. Canada lost their composure near the end as the Mexicans attacked in desperation, and finally the defence cracked with less than two minutes to play as a shot from Gonzalez was deflected off a Canadian defender and past Lettieri.

OCTOBER 25

Fort Lauderdale — World Cup CONCACAF Northern Zone
United States 0
Canada 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,864. **Ref:** Herrera (El Salvador).

U.S.: Mausser — Makowski, Keough, Pecher, Fowles — Bandov, Cantillo, DiBernardo — Davis, Liveric (Moyers), L. Nanchoff (Pesa).

Canada: Lettieri — Iarusci — Gemeri (Sweeney), McGrane, B. Lenarduzzi — Gray, Strenicer, Ragan — Mitchell, Stojanovic, McLeod.

The United States had a wide margin in the first half but failed to take advantage of it. Canada came close early in the second half as Stojanovic hit the bar, but in the end it was Tino Lettieri who saved Canada with two great saves off Ricky Davis and Greg Makowski.

NOVEMBER 1

Vancouver — World Cup CONCACAF Northern Zone
Canada 2 (Iarusci 23, Segota pen 42)
United States 1 (Villa 89)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 13,598. **Ref:** Mendez (Guatemala).

Canada: Lettieri — Iarusci — Bolitho (Sweeney, McGrane, B. Lenarduzzi — Gray, Strenicer (Mercantonio), McLeod — Segota, Stojanovic, Miller.

US: Mausser — Crudo, Keough, Pecher, Makowski — Bandov, Vantillo, DiBernardo — Davis, Liveric (Moyers), Pesa (Villa).

In complete contrast to the game in Fort Lauderdale, Canada dominted the first half and might well have scored more than the two goals they took to the dressing room at half-time. Sweeper Iarusci came up for a free-kick after 23 minutes and headed Gray's perfect kick just inside the far post to give Canada the lead. Then Gray hit a terrific shot off the inside of the far post, the ball appeared to bounce down over the line and then hit the other post before coming out.

Minutes later Pecher brought Stojanovic down in the penalty area and Branko Segota made no mistake with the kick. Just on half-time Segota missed a great chance to make it three.

The US had more of the game in the second half but rarely troubled Lettieri. Mausser had to make a great save off a terrific shot from Segota and Bobby Lenarduzzi had a shot kicked off the line.

With 39 seconds left in the game Greg Villa headed a consolation goal from a Davis corner but it was too late for the US who now face the difficult task of taking three points off Mexico in order to catch Canada.

The Canadians lost key midfield player Gene Strenicer in the first half with a dislocated shoulder and he may not be fit in time for their final game against the Mexicans.

BELGIUM by Philip Smith

Anderlecht out

RSC Anderlecht, the team that was once one of the most consistent cup fighters in Europe, now find themselves out of both the UEFA and Belgian Cups and have only the league title to play for. As Anderlecht sit three points clear at the top of the table, the cup exits aren't the catastrophe they could have been.

Nevertheless, the lightly loaded Belgian season does allow teams to comfortably compete in at least two competitions, so if nothing else the Belgian Cup defeat at Waterschei has removed one possible access to Europe next season. Earlier this term Anderlecht scored an exciting victory at the same venue, but with leading marksman Kenneth Brylle an absentee, a policy of containment was chosen.

Without any significant pressure on their often suspect defence, Cup-holders Waterschei were able to control the game and when Surinx deceived Anderlecht keeper Munaron from an almost impossible angle to score the only goal, it was no more than the home team deserved.

Brylle's absence coincided with the first time Anderlecht have drawn a blank scoresheet this season in domestic competition. The 21-year-old Dane has been a revelation, and currently heads the league goalscorers' chart. Striking mainly from wing positions, his pace is phenomenal, his control exact and his finishing is marred only by eagerness to get the ball into the net as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, Anderlecht's early exit from the UEFA Cup has deprived many Europeans of the chance to see him in action, and his recent refusal to join the Danish squad in Yugoslavia, preferring instead to play for his club, hasn't exactly endeared him to the Danish Federation.

Joining Anderlicht were six other First Division clubs that failed to make the last sixteen, Berchem, Gent, Kortrijk, Waregem, Wintersiag and Cercle Brugge, the last two both put out by lower Division opponents. After an encouraging start, Cercle have faltered badly and are currently languishing near the foot of the table.

Their defeat at Boom, one of the leaders in Division 2, was after extra-time and came despite Cercle taking an 85th minute lead. To make matters worse, it seems that Didier Six would like a move back to France so that he can join RC Strasbourg, an outfit he turned down during the summer after failing to agree terms.

The offices of Cercle are at one end of the Olympiapark, at the other end are those of Club. And now sitting in the manager's seat is the third occupant of that position this season, ex-Strasbourg trainer Gilbert Gress. His predecessor, Raymond Mertens, was also supposed to manage Club until the end of the season, but he was accused by the directors of being too sympathetic to the players and only lasted three weeks.

The 40 years old Gress led Strasbourg to the French title in 1978/79, but has the reputation of being a moody character and was recently sacked by Strasbourg following a prolonged disagreement with the club president. He now has a stiff task ahead of him. Already out of Europe, Club's league form has been inconsistent, with the result that the current gap of seven points between them and leaders Anderlecht will be a long haul to make up.

They are through to the last 16 of the Cup, however, beating Waregem for the third successive year at the same stage of the competition. This was a tough battle, Club's defence desperately hanging on to a 2-1 lead despite having sweeper Walter Meeuws sent off in the closing stages. The travelling Club hoardes were relieved to hear the final whistle, chanting in unison at the end of the game "Merci Gilbert". All Gress has to do to keep his fan credibility is to make sure Club win something this season.

Standard Liege and Lokeren are now the only two Belgian teams that have a chance of winning three trophies. In the domestic cup, Standard turned round their previous week's shock league defeat at Berchem in beating the Antwerp side 3-0. Their UEFA Cup tie with Kaiserslautern produced two victories by a 2-1 scoreline, a fine achievement against one of the strongest teams in the tournament.

The future of Wilfried Van Moer came up for discussion after the World Cup tie in Dublin. The little maestro was unable to get fit enough to play Beveren's first league match after the international, his young deputy Patrick Schoofs performing well in the 1-1 draw at Standard.

Van Moer feels that as his national performances were instrumental in Beveren rescuing him from the obscurity of Beringen, the least he can do is to devote his energies towards Beveren's title challenge.

Guy Thys still wants Van Moer to delay his international retirement, and surprisingly Beveren trainer Robert Goethals also thinks he should continue. Goethals said that in his opinion the national team takes preference over Van Moer's club performances and added that whenever the midfielder was fit he would line up for Beveren, even though Schoofs is a good prospect. Imagine Ron Greenwood's delight if English managers took a leaf out of Goethal's book.

USSR by Terry Bushell

Spartak through

SPARTAK and Dynamo Thilisi through to the quarter-finals of the European Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup respectively and all three Soviet entrants in the UEFA Cup eliminated in the first round — that is the situation with Soviet clubs in European competition.

In the UEFA Cup, Dynamo Kiev were knocked out for the second year running by a Bulgarian side: this time by Levski-Spartak, who went through to the next round by drawing 1-1 in Kiev after a goalless draw at home.

Shakhtyor Donetsk, who by rights should have been competing in the Cup-Winners' Cup, as they beat Thilisi in the Final, went out of the UEFA Cup with a 3-1 aggregate score against Eintracht Frankfurt. A 1-0 second leg home win was not enough after a 3-0 defeat in Frankfurt. No public explanation was given why the Final losers should compete in the Cup-Winners' Cup, and not the winners. The Soviet Football Federation simply arbitrarily decided it should be so.

The third UEFA Cup entrant, Dynamo Moscow, seemed to be almost through when they returned from Lokeren in Belgium with a 1-1 draw. They still seemed through with a minute to go in the second leg in Moscow, as no goals had been scored, leaving them with an away goal advantage.

But then Lokeren literally threw everything into a desperate, last-minute attack, even goalkeeper Hoogenbum joining in. Lokeren were awarded a free-kick 22 metres from the Dynamo goal. While the Dynamo defenders were forming their wall Hoogenbum sprinted upfield into Dynamo's penalty area. Dynamo left-back Nikulin was detailed to mark him.

Verhein, taking the free-kick, shot round the wall, and Dynamo keeper Pilgui, though he got a hand to the ball, could not stop it flying into the corner of his net.

With four matches to go in the Supreme League, Thilisi were lying fourth but with no chance of catching leaders Dynamo Kiev.

Kiev indeed seemed certain to land the championship, being five points ahead of second-placed Spartak. Kiev had 46 points, Spartak 41. Then came another big gap, with Zenit Leningrad on 37. Thilisi had 34, the same as Shakhtyor.

The decisive game in the league was on October 31, when 100,000 turned up at Kiev's renovated Republican Stadium to see them beat Spartak 2-0 in a match in which, as the *Sovetsky Sport* reporter graphically wrote, for both teams victory was as necessary as air.

Two goals from Buryak suffocated Spartak. It took the Spartak players the whole of the first half to recover from his first in the fourth minute, which they gave away through a mix-up between defender Samokhin and keeper Dasaev.

Buryak took a free-kick, Samokhin seemed to have decided to stop the shot but then left it for Dasaev. The keeper, caught unawares, let the ball through his legs into the net. Kiev dominated the first half, and came close to scoring many times.

Spartak pulled themselves together after the break, and Sidorov made their first serious attempt at scoring. But then Buryak was put throuh with only Desaev to beat. Again, Dassaev came close to stopping the shot, but again the ball went in off him.

Player Portrait
by Keir Radnedge

The day Schachner stole all the glory

THE SETTING was the Velez Sarsfield stadium in Buenos Aires. Spain and Austria were opening their campaigns in the 1978 World Cup Finals. It was a day for big names — Krankl and Prohaska on the one side, Pirri and Asensi on the other. Or, it should have been.

Around quarter-of-an-hour had gone when, while many fans and even Pressmen were taking their places after battling through the jammed streets, an unknown upset the predictions.

Running fully 50 yards down the right touchline and hurdling a late tackle on the fringe of the Spanish penalty box, Walter Schachner powered his way almost to the byline before hammering a remarkable angled drive past the goalkeeper and inside the far post.

Austria were in front and on their way to a 2-1 victory.

The actual winner, 11 minutes from full time, fell to Hans Krankl. But it was Schachner who stole the glory.

Who is he? the non-Austrians in the Press box were asking. Austrian football was no longer replete with famous names at international level. And to make Schachner's arrival a little more of a fairy tale, he was still playing then for a second division club, DSV Alpine Donawitz.

Not, understandably, for much longer. That one World Cup goal was the springboard Schachner used on the way to his place now among Europe's top-name marksmen, a regular target for the talent-poachers of Italy, West Germany and Belgium.

Race was on

The race was on immediately the World Cup came to an end. The two Viennese giants, Rapid and FK Austria, led the domestic chase, while Hertha West Berlin were the favoured outsiders.

Hertha, in fact, persuaded Schachner to go to Berlin for a trial. But once they got him there they decided he wasn't what they thought and that neither did they have any money to gamble on young Austrians, so he was sent home.

That meant the town of Leoben, in the province of Styria, down below Vienna and in the general direction of Hungary and Yugoslavia. Schachner's mother was pleased. She didn't take kindly to the idea of her son moving so far — though she accepted that a transfer inside Austria was little more than a formality.

Rapid were the favourites. Schachner had all but signed a contract for them when FK Austria cut in at the last minute — sending a local journalist down with all the necessary papers. Schachner hadn't really fancied FKA. But after a realistic appraisal of the clubs he realised that Rapid has far more serious internal and cash flow problems.

Out of the window went his 'agreeement' with Rapid and he put his signature on the dotted line with FKA.

The transfer fee was £70,000 — far more than the apprentice electrician and crane driver had earned in his life. And at first he found the going tough in the top grade.

Private party

"Our teams play each other four times a season," says Schachner, "so everyone knows everyone else almost too well. It's like a private party and no one waits around for you to catch up with them. Fortunately I knew a number of the FKA players from the World Cup team — otherwise I might have struggled much longer."

FKA, runners-up to Anderlecht the previous May in the Cup-winners' Cup, had signed Schachner to replace veteran spearhead Hans Pirkner. But that meant tactical changes. Pirkner had been a centre-forward, but Schachner, though powerful and good in the air, was a winger — preferring the right wing, though FKA wanted to use him on the left.

No wonder that they floundered as the league began.

Three times Schachner had been top scorer in the second division, and against Greece in March 1977 he'd scored a goal on his World Cup international debut, following up with another two games later against Turkey.

But at 21 — he had been born on February 1, 1957 — he still had a lot to learn, and the fans weren't slow in letting him know.

Then, on September 9, Schachner rattled in two goals as FKA at last claimed their first win of the season — 2-1 against Wiener SK — and he was on his way. With veteran colleague Thomas Parits also in electric form in the penalty box, it didn't take FKA long to forge their way back up among the leaders.

Soon the fans' interest shifted from the championship race — FKA were growing more and more assured — to the duel between the two men for the crown of top scorer.

Parits led the way at the winter break, while Schachner fumed that he was himself being too greedy and costing his colleagues goals because of his anxiety to catch up. But by mid-March Schachner was all-square on 17, thanks to a double against Sturm Graz and by the end of the season he was not only Footballer of the Year but top scorer in the league with 24 goals.

It should have been a reassuring time for Schachner. Instead he spent a restless summer.

Internal problems

Internal problems meant that FKA replaced both their president and the club coach, Hermann Stessl. He went angrily off to AEK Athens, who were soon asking how much FKA wanted, to sell Schachner.

Not only AEK were interested, Belgian club Anderlecht, looking for a long-term replacement for Rob Rensenbrink, made overtures. Later that year came FC Köln and even a tentative inquiry from New York Cosmos.

To all of them, FKA and Schachner said no. But not without some heart-searching.

"Where I grew up," says Schachner, "people learn to add up very quickly. That doesn't mean to say I wanted to grab the first opportunity that came along to make better money — you don't get the chance to play for a great club like Austria every day of the week — but obviously the potential was tempting."

French club Nantes were another club to look at Schachner. When they found out the size of the fee FKA were being offered, they backed away. But even so, their admiration remained.

Nantes general manager Robert Budzinski says: "Schachner has the lot — he is aggressive in the penalty box, and he has the right temperament. The future of football belongs to players like that — men with skill and pace."

Prodigious rate

If Schachner had been a slow starter in the autumn of 1978, he made up with his scoring rate in 1979. Sturm Graz — favourite opponents — saw him rattle four home, and in seven games he had collected 13 goals. That prodigious rate increased to 17 goals in 11 games. Schachner was on target to beat Krankl's record of 41 in a season.

He hit four more against Vienna and later in the season condemned them — despite the presence on loan of Krankl — to relegation by scoring twice and making three more in a 6-1 win. Despite that,

Schachner with his Austria Memphis colleagues Zach, Sara and Obermayer.

however, Krankl preserved his record if not his dignity. Schachner finished the season on 35 goals — enough to make him far and away the best in Austria and third overall in Europe. But not good enough to shake the record.

It was enough, on the other hand, to keep foreign clubs coming back. In the spring Schachner flew to Munich for talks with Bayern, while Stuttgart officials hovered anxiously in the background.

Bayern were offering £100,000 to sign on plus around £200,000 for a three-year contract. But Schachner hesitated and FKA were happy to persuade him to stay another year. The club had their own reasons. Their reluctance to release Schachner was enhanced by the knowledge that their other big star, Herbert Prohaska, was already promised to Inter Milan.

Potential unabated

They didn't want to lose both men in the same summer.

So Schachner stays. Not unhappily. He knows he has time. And his goal potential continues unabated, as a recent hat-trick against Rapid surely proved.

A move can't be long in coming.

Schachner says: "I have to admit that I was jealous of Herbert Prohaska for a while. Everyone was making such a fuss for such a long time over his transfer. Good luck to him — I'm glad it's going so well. But I did spend a few days depressed because it wasn't me they were talking about in terms of big clubs and big money.

"Then I realised that the only way I'm going to achieve that is by concentrating on what I do best — getting goals. I'll never be a Krankl. I don't like to move around or too far back to make space. My goals all come from well inside the penalty box usually.

"I know I get one from 30 yards against Portugal in the European championship — but that was a bit of a freak!"

Freak or not, it added PSV Eindhoven to the list of Schachner's admirers and they pressed hard for a deal after losing Rene Van der Kerkhof briefly to Lazio in the summer.

But if Schachner finishes up in Holland I'll be surprised.

He has flirted long enough with the *Bundesliga* for it to be clear that his leanings are in that direction.

And he says: "I've always been ready to talk with German clubs about a move because wherever I go I think it's vital that I have no problems with language. That can cost a year of your career, settling in the hard way in a strange country where you can't communicate.

"I've seen the South Americans who've come to FK Austria, not speaking a word of German, being miserable and totally out on their own because we had this barrier. I don't want to have to go through that.

"Of course if an Italian club came in with a really big offer I might take the chance. A lot of players from a lot of different countries have done well there. And I'm not afraid of tough man-to-man marking.

"All the same, I've still got time on my side."

Big offer from Italy could sway Walter's mind

Classified Results

SEPTEMBER 27

Ljubljana — World Cup qual group 5
Yugoslavia 2 (Pantelic 18 pen, Zoran Vujovic 37)
Denmark 1 (Arnesen 5 pen)
HT: 2-1. Att: 20,000. Ref: Garrido (Port).

Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Zoran Vujovic, Hristic, Jovanovic, Primorac — Buljan (Mustadanic 70), Petrovic, Jeronomov — Zlatko Vujovic, Susic, Secerbegovic.

Denmark: Qvist — Rasmussen, Ziegler, Steffensen, Roentved — Lerby, Bertelsen, Arnesen — Jensen (B Nielsen 73), Elkjaer, Bastrup.

The Danes snatched a shock lead in the fifth minute when goalkeeper Pantelic needlessly brought down Elkjaer, and Ajax midfielder Frank Arnesen put away the spot kick.

But the Danes, without five of their best exports including Allan Simonsen, were soon pushed back on defence and Pantelic made amends by converting a penalty after Susic had been felled by Steffensen. Zoran Vujovic put the Slavs in front with a header to a cross from Petrovic but Susic found little room to manoeuvre and despite their pressure there were no more goals.

The best of the remaining chances fell to the Danes, when Elkjaer headed clear for goal in the 41st minute only to be foiled by a magnificent save from Pantelic.

Italy's Enzo Bearzot was spying amongst the crowd. For Yufoslavia, Vladimir Petrovic was appearing in his 25th international.

OCTOBER 4

Luxembourg
Luxembourg 0
United States 2 (Hulcer 25, Davis 82 pen)
HT: 0-1. Att: 1,600. Ref: Hanning (WG).

Luxembourg: Moes — Dax, Rohmann, Zuang (Bossis 46), Meunier, Girres, Wagner (Schreiner 46), Clemens, Di Domenico, Reiter, Hoscheid.

US: Dubose — Bellinger, Makowsky, Pescher, Crudo, Hulcer, Nanchoff, Bandov (Van der Beck 80), Davis, Cantillo, Poyers (Petersen 74).

Luxembourg dominated for the first half hour, but the nearest they came to a goal was when Girres hit a post. In a counter attack Bandov created a goal for Hulcer for the US, who took command after the interval to square their tour record after the opening game defeat by Nürnberg.

Luxembourg were without exports Weiss, Philipp and Langers, but did have, in Rohmann, their own 'American.'

OCTOBER 8

Lisbon
Portugal 1 (Manuel 65)
United States 1 (Davis 67)
HT: 0-0. Att: 15,000. Ref: Garcia Carrion.

Portugal: Bento (Damas 46) — Gabriel, Simoes, Freitas, Teixeira — Rodolfo (Scheu 54), Carlos Manuel (Alves 70), Nene (Chalana 46), Costa — Manuel Fernandes, Jordao.

US: Mausser — Bellinger (Fowles 80), Pecher, Keough (Crudo 57), Smith — Van der Beck, Cantillo, Bandov — Nanchoff, Davis, Petersen (Moyers 35) (Makowsky 61).

Portugal were a little fortunate to hang onto a draw and were jeered throughout the second half by their fans for the failure to despatch the Americans.

Vienna
Austria 3 (Keglevits 30, 65, Welzl 20)
Hungary 1 (Bodonyi 80)
HT: 2-0. Att: 7,500. Ref: Ericsson (Swe).

Austria: Feurer — Dihanich, Obermayer, Pezzey, Mirnegg — Hattenberger (Baumeister 75), Prohaska, Jara — Keglevits, Krankl, Welzl.

Hungary: Meszaros — Paroczai, Kerekes, Kardos, Varga — Pasztor (Esterhazy 60), Nyilasi, Dajka — Bodonyi, Kiss (Szanto 46), Poloskei.

This was the 124th meeting of the continent's oldes rivals, with the Austrians recording their 36th win, against the Hungarians' 61.

But there were few fans around on a rain-swept night and both sides must have lost a lot of money. There were comperisations, at least for Austria, particularly in the two-goal debut of the Rapid Vienna 19-year-old, Christian Keglevits.

Austria dominated the first half with Roland Hattenberger dominating the midfield and laying on the first couple of goals. The absences of the suspended Friedl Koncilia (goal) and Walter Schachner (attack) appeared to have little effect on a team which included seven exports, and saw debuts for Keglevits, Feurer, Dihanich as well as the Hungarian Kardos.

Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly thought this was his men's best game of the season — their only problem being a lack of pace in midfield. The nearest they came to threatening the Austrians' first-half domination was in the 36th minute, when Bodonyi hit a post.

OCTOBER 9

Prague
Czechoslovakia 0
East Germany 1 (Streich 17)
HT: 0-1. Att: 10,000. Ref: Buzek (Aus).

Czechoslovakia: Seman — Barmos, Jurkemik, Vojacek, Fiala — Kozak, Radimec (Stambachr 46), Screiner (Panenka 46) — Masny (Janecka 46), Nehoda, Vizek (Licka 70).

E. Germany: Grapenthin — Müller, Dörner, Ullrich — Häfner, Schnuphase, Liebers — Kotte, Streich, Hoffmann.

The East Germans took a minor revenge for their Olympic final defeat, totting up their sixth win in 14 games against the Czechs, who have only three victories in the series.

The goal by Streich, from a free kick, was the only real goal effort contributed by the Germans to the game, however, which saw the Czechs' general dominance of the midfield reflected in the 14-4 corners totals.

Buenos Aires (River Plate)
Argentina 2 (Santamaria 32, Diaz 80)
Bulgaria 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 30,000. Ref: Busca (Arg).

Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Barbas, Gallego, Maradona — Santamaria, Diaz, Valencia.

Bulgaria: Donev (Nikolov 85) — Iltchev, Marinov, Balevsky, Bezinski — Minchev (Deliminkov 77), Metodiev (Arguirov 61), Grigorov, Velitchkov (Valchev 69), Petkov, Yonchev.

Argentine manager Cesar Menotti was pleased to celebrate six years in charge with a victory, but not too happy about the manner. Diego Maradona was, for once, illat ease, failing to support his strikers in the way Menotti had wanted, and trying to take too much on himself in midfield.

Santamaria scored the first in the 32nd minute, touching in a shot from Ramon Diaz, who netted his first goal in senior internationals ten minutes from time, with a header to a free kick from Maradona.

OCTOBER 11

Luxembourg — World Cup European qual group 5
Luxembourg 0
Italy 2 (Collovatti 33, Bettega 77)
HT: 0-1. Att: 10,000. Ref: Wearing (Hol).

Luxembourg: Moes — Dax, Rohmann, Bossi (Schriner 39), Meunier, Weiss, Philipp (Wagner 30), Dresch, Di Domenico, Reiter, Langers.

Italy: Zoff — Gentile, G. Baresi, Oriali, Collovatti, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli (P. Scala 46), Altobelli (B. Conti 66), Antognoni, Bettega.

This game brought Enzo Bearzot nearer to resignation than any other during his five years in office. With pressure building up on him to abandon his reliance on the Juventus-block, his men managed only what one newspaper derisively described the next day as "Italy's most humiliating victory."

It wasn't just the way they struggled but Bearzot's odd substitutions, his evident fear of defeat in sending up only one full-time forward (Altobelli), followed by the double disgrace of the expulsions of Franco Causio (along with Schreiner of Luxembourg for fighting) and Giancarlo Antognoni (for retaliation).

Antognoni later said he had been unnerved by missing a penalty and it was lucky for him that Fulvio Collovatti — the first second division man to line up in the national team for years — and Roberto Bettega snatched two goals out of nowhere.

Limassol — World Cup European qual group 2
Cyprus 0
France 7 (Lacombe 3, Platini 12, 22, Larios 40 pen, 75 pen, Six 82, Zimak 89)
HT: 0-4. Att: 15,000. Ref: Galler (Swz).

Cyprus: G. Pantzarias — Papakostas, Kizas, Kitos, Papadopulos, N. Pantzarias — Tsighis, Mavris (Stefanos 46), Kalafas (Theofanos 21), Mavrudis, Kissonerghis.

France: Dropsy — Battiston, Bossis, Specht, Michel, Larios, Baronchelli (Zimako 70), Tigana (Petit 50), Lacombe, Platini, Six.

A walkover for the French, with Michel Platini in grand form, and Saint-Etienne team-mate Jean-Francois Larios also grabbing two goals. The victory margin could have been even higher had the Cypriots not battled away in defence for all they were worth!

Eindhoven
Holland 1 (Brandts 40)
W. Germany 1 (Hrubesch 35)
HT: 1-1 Att: 22,000. Ref: Cristoph (Cz).

Holland: Van Breukelen — Wijnstekers (Molenaar 85), W. Van der Kerkhoff, Brandts, Spelbos — Wildschut, Jol, Peters — Jonker (Metgod 46), Van Mierlo, Vermeulen (Tol 70).

W. Germany: Schumacher (Immel 46) — Kaltz, Niedermayer, K-H. Förster, Dietz — Briegel, Magath, H. Müller — Rummenigge, Hrubesch, K. Allofs.

Jupp Derwall's European champions extended his unbeaten run to 21 games against a remodelled Holland. But it took some sharp goalkeeping from Harald Schumacher and substitute newcomer Eike Immel to hold onto the draw, even though the Germans had scored first.

Horst Hrubesch, who might have scored in the second minute, had to wait until the 35th to make amends. Five minutes later Ernie Brandts equalised to underline an excellent game in which he kept Karl-Heinz Rummenigge quiet.

In defence the Germans looked uncertain. Manni Kaltz was below his best at right back and though Bayern newcomer Niedermayer, deputising at sweeper in the absences of Uli Stielike (unavailable) and Bernd Schuster (in transfer throes), didn't make many mistakes he didn't exactly stamp his personality on the match either.

Holland with Willy Van der Kerkhoff the new sweeper, might have won the game through skipper Jan Peters (58 mins) or Martin Jol (66) had it not been for the brilliance of Immel, the 19-year-old from Borussia Dortmund.

SEPTEMBER 12

Buenos Aires (River Plate)
Argentina 2 (Passarella 14 pen, Maradona 57)
Poland 1 (Ciolek 51 pen)
HT: 1-0. Att: 43,804. Ref: Nitti (Arg).

Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Barbas, Gallego, Maradona — Santamaria (Luque 74), Diaz, Valencia (Hernandez 66).

Poland: Mowlik — Dziuba (Barczak 72), Zalezny, Zmuda, Rudy — Skrobowki, Lipka, Ciolek, Palasz — Smolarek (Milczarski 78), Terlecki (Okonski 69).

Argentina improved on their form against Bulgaria but even so it took several neat saves from Ubaldo Fillol to help them to victory.

It was an inevitable Daniel Passarella penalty that put the world champions on the way. Dziuba brought down Jose Daniel Valencia, and Passarella beat Poland's new Footballer of the Year, Jan Mowlik, with his spot kick.

The Poles, relying on counter attacks, equalised themselves from a penalty, after Luis Galvan, the veteran stopper recalled by Menotti after two years in anonymity, fouled Smolarek. Ciolek did the rest.

Argentina then threw themselves back into attack, and after Zalezny had fouled Ramon Angel Diaz, the free kick was brilliantly curled into the net by Maradona.

OCTOBER 15

Dublin — World Cup European qual group 2
Rep. Ireland 1 (Grealish 42)
Belgium 1 (Cluytens 13)
HT: 1-1. Att: 40,000. Ref: Rolles (Lux).

Rep. Ireland: Peyton — Langan, Moran, Lawrenson, Hughton — Brady, Daly, Grealish — Stapleton, Heighway, Givens (McGee 58).

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Millecamps (De Wolf 8), Meeuws, Renquin — Cluytens, Vandereycken, Van Moer (Heyligen 85) — Van den Bergh, Ceulemans.

The Belgians started at a gallop and after only three minutes forced Gerry Peyton to a lively save after a move between Vandereycken and Cluytens. However Cluytens made no mistake in the 13th minute, after Van den Bergh, dropping deep, had sliced open the Irish defence with a pass between Moran and Langan.

Seven minutes later the Belgians could have made it 2-0, but the Irish cleared up a goalmouth scramble, and then Peyton saved well again, this time from Van den Bergh, played into a gap by Ceulemans.

At last the Irish, inspired by skipper Liam Brady in his 28th international, began to get to grips with the game. Brady himself caught out the Belgian offside trap and Grealish slid home the equaliser from close range. In the second half, only a fine save by Pfaff from Daly prevented the Irish taking both points.

Moscow — World Cup European qual group 3
Russia 5 (Andreyev 9, 78, Oganesian 39, 58, Bessonov 84)
Iceland 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 31,000. Ref: Suchanek (Pol).

Russia: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Khidiatutlin (Mirzoyan 76), Baltacha, Shavlo (Yevtushenko 61), Andreyev, Bessonov, Gavrilov, Tarkhanov, Oganesian.

Iceland: Bjarnasson — Oskarsson, Haraldsson, V. Haldarsson, Geirsson, S. Haldarsson, Torbjornsson, Gudjohnsson (Torleifsson 77), Thordarsson, Sigurvinsson, Gudmundsson (Svensson 66).

Russia went top of the table, but a yellow card meant that defender Vagliz Khidiatutin had collected two in these championships and would miss the next tie against Wales.

That was one of only two hiccups. The other came in the 16th minute, when Sergei Andreyev had already gone up unmarked to head Russia in front from a corner.

In a rare Iceland breakaway Dassayev fumbled a shot, and Baltacha had to clear from the goal line. But Khoren Oganesian made it 2-0 before the interval with a curling shot from an angle, and he hit his own second after the break in a goalmouth scramble.

Andreyev, by far the Russians' best player, outpaced two defenders before chipping his second goal and Russia's fourth, and Vladimir Bessonov wound up the scoring in the closing stages.

Cardiff — World Cup European qual group 3
Wales 4 (Flynn 19, 37 pen, 85, Walsh 79)
Turkey 0
HT: 2-0. Att: 11,770. Ref: Maansson (Den).

Wales: Davies — Nicholas, Jones, Phillips, Price, Yorath, Flynn, Giles, Harris, Walsh, L. James.

Turkey: Senol — Turgay, Cem, Husnu, Fatih, Erham, Necdet (Serrdar), Gungor, Tuncay, Sedat, Hasil.

Turkey put up little fight, apart from striker Tuncay who might have had two goals in breakaways, but who ended the game early. Booked in the first half for fouling James, he was sent off in the second for a repetition.

Wales could have had more than four goals. Ian Walsh forced two goalline clearance and a save by goalkeeper Senol in the first half which also saw Flynn lob the first goal and James converting a penalty for Turgay's foul on Walsh.

Afte the interval Walsh headed home a free kick after Tuncay's expulsion foul on David Giles, and James swept home No. 4.

Bucharest — World Cup European qual group 4
Romania 2 (Radacanu 34, Iordanescu 78 pen)
England 1 (Woodcock 64)
HT: 1-0. Att: 75,000. Ref: Ericsson (Swe).

Romania: Iordache — Negrila, Stefanescu, Sames, Munteanu — Ticleanu (Dumitru 70), Baldeanu, Iordanescu — Crisan, Camataru, Radacanu.

England: Clemence — Neal, Watson, Thompson, Sansom — Robson, Rix, McDermott — Birtles (Cunningham 65), Woodcock, Gates (Coppell 46).

A disputed penalty brought Romania their first-ever win over England. But Ron Greenwood's men had perhaps been lucky to be only 1-0 down at half-time in a game which they faced without Trevor Brooking or Kevin Keegan, both injured.

But it was the established Watson and Thompson in the middle of defence who had England fans worried. The Romanians gave them a hard time even before Crisan gave Marcel Radacanu the chance to go past Thompson and shoot No. 1. A minute later Camataru missed badly.

England recovered sufficiently to threaten the Romanians with a heavy penalty for their poor marksmanship, when they equalised in the 64th minute. Tony Woodcock, probably the best England player — though Graham Rix did well too in midfield — took a return pass from Garry Birtles to shoot past Iordache.

Then, when the Romanians seemed to be running out of steam Iordanescu wriggled his way into the England box and fell as he was challenged by Sansom and Robson. Swedish referee Ericsson gave a penalty — to England's disgust — and Iordanescu hit the winner.

Copenhagen — World Cup European qual group 5
Denmark 0
Greece 1 (Kouis 50)
HT: 0-0. Att: 50,000. Ref: Farrell (RI).

Denmark: Qvist — Rasmussen, Ziegler, Steffensen, Olsen — Bertelsen (B. Nielsen 58), Arnesen, Lerby — Simonsen, Jensen (Bastrup 75), Elkjaer.

Greece: Sarganis — Kirastas, Firos, Kapsis, Iosifidis — Livanthinos, Kouis, Delikaris (Paraskos 73) — Ardizoglu, Kostikos (Mitropulos 87), Mavros.

A brilliant display by Greek's second string goalkeeper, Sarganis, brought two points in Copenhagen, and virtually put an early end to any Danish dreams of World Cup glory.

First choice goalkeeper Eleftherios Pupakis had strained a thigh muscle in training the previous evening. But Sarganis took over immaculately to pull off a string of fine saves, the best from Allan Simonsen in the 67th minute. Simonsen had possession a couple of yards from goal but Sarginis leapt across his line to make a remarkable stop.

Greece, European championship finalists in the summer, won the game just after half-time with a goal from Kostas Kouis. But they could have had more. Kostikos hit the post after only five minutes and Mavros forced a fine save from Qvist after slipping between two Danish defenders in the opening salvo of the second half.

Greece, whose defensive stars were central men Firos and Kapsis, had four players booked — Delikaris, Kouis, Livanthinos and Iosifidis. Morten Olsen of Denmark was also shown a yellow card.

Belfast — World Cup European qual group 6
Northern Ireland 3 (Brotherston 24, McIlroy 28, J. Nicholl 37)
Sweden 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 20,000. Ref: Ponnet (Bel).

N. Ireland: Platt — J. Nicholl, C. Nicholl, McClelland, Donaghy — Cassidy (McCreery 76), Hamilton (Cochrane 76), O'Neill, McIlroy — Armstrong, Brotherston.

Sweden: Moller — Arvidsson, Borg, Borjesson, Holmgren — Larssob, Ramberg (Erlandsson 46), P. Nilsson, T. Nilsson — Edstroem, Ohlsson (Sjoberg 68).

Northern Ireland outclassed the Swedes and wrapped up the points well before half-time thanks to a burst of three goals in 13 minutes. Blackburn's Noel Brotherston grabbed the first, Manchester United's Sammy McIlroy headed the second, then club-mate Jimmy Nicholl struck a spectacular third from 35 yards.

The Swedish defence settled down in the second half, though by then it was far too late. But there could have been more goals. John McClelland headed against a post, and Terry Cochrane was narrowly wide.

Sweden's best chance came six minutes from time, when Ralf Edstroem saw a header turned over the bar by Jim Platt.

Glasgow (Hampden) — World Cup European qual group 6
Scotland 0
Portugal 0
Att: 50,000. Ref: Redelfs (WG).

Scotland: Rough — McGrain, Hansen, Miller, F. Gray — Sounness, Strachan, Gemmill — Dalglish, A. Gray, Robertson.

Portugal: Bento — Gabriel, Pietra, Simoes, Laranjeira — Fernandes, Eurico, Costa — Chalana, Do Santos, Jordao (Nene 60).

Scotland's World Cup hopes suffered a setback as they failed to break down Portugal's massed defence. In fact the Portuguese, in a rare breakaway, even created the best chance of the game.

In the 34th minute Costa opened the way to goal for Manuel Fernandes, but his shot flew badly wide.

At the other end Andy Gray and Kenny Dalglish didn't have the accuracy — or the luck — to snap up the half-chances which fell their way.

Buenos Aires (River Plate)
Argentina 1 (Diaz 16)
Czechoslovakia 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 75,000. Ref: Cardellino (Uru).

Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Barbas, Gallego, Maradona — Santamaria, Luque (Hernandez 76), Diaz.

Czechoslovakia: Seman — Barmos, Radimec, Macela, Fiala — Kozak, Stambachr, Panenka (Jurkemik 63) — Nehoda, Janecka (Pokluda 80), Masny.

This was by far the best of the three test games Menotti had set up. Maradona was in superb form, and Ramon Diaz took advantage of the injury to Valencia and the inclusion of River team-mate Luque to provide perhaps his best display yet for his country.

The Czechs played their part too. Early in the second half they forced a break in the midfield domination exerted by the busy Juan Barbas, and towards the end some long deep crosses from the wings had Galvan, Fillol and Passarella in confusion.

Leipzig
E. Germany 0
Spain 0
Att: 30,000. Ref: Vaverka (Cz).

E. Germany: Croy — Kische, Dorner, Weise, Muller — Liebers, Halner, Kuhn (Steinbach 46) — Kotte (Pommerenke 72), Streich, Hoffmann (Lindemann 55).

Spain: Arconada — Calayeta, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo — Joaquin, Alonso, Zamora — Juanito, Montero (Dani 89), Moran.

Neither side showed much attacking potential, though East German boss Georg Buschner could have had little new to learn about Messrs Streich, Hoffmann and Kotte.

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Spanish captain Luis Maria Arconada was stretched a couple of times — once by a long-range shot from Streich, then by a shot from Hoffman after a short free kick. The ball took a deflection off the defensive wall and Arconada was struggling to keep it covered as it flew narrowly over the bar.

Spain's best chance arrived in the 72nd minute. Left back Rafael Gordillo, their best player, hit a long through pass which caught the Germans square and opened a yawning gap at the feet of midfielder Jesus Zamora.

With the goal at his mercy and Jürgen Croy helpless, Zamora amazingly lost his nerve and fired wide.

"We did well enough," said Spain boss Jose Santamaria. "If only we could keep our nerve better in front of goal!"

OCTOBER 19

Sofia — World Cup European qual group 1
Bulgaria 2 (Jeliazkov 14, Slavkov 51)
Albania 1 (Pernasca 69)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000.

The Bulgarians were without three of their regulars — Kolev, Tsvetkov and Gochev, all injured — and used that as an excuse for a disjointed performance. Kerimov, CSKA's goal hero against Nottingham Forest, had a poor game up front and towards the end of the game the Albanians made Bulgarian boss Atenas Parjelov sweat over victory.

Had the Albania forwards been cooler in front of goal they could have severely embarrassed their hosts.

OCTOBER 28

Paris — World Cup European qual group 2
France 2 (Platini 8, Zimako 69)
Rep. Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 46,300.

France: Dropsy — Battiston, Specht, Lopez, Bossis — Larios, Tigana, Platini (Petit 83) — Rocheteau, Lacombe (Zimako 66), Six.

Rep. Ireland: Peyton — Langan, Lawrenson, Moran, Hughton, Martin (Ryan 78), Brady, Grealish, Heighway, Stapleton, Robinson.

France threatened to send the Irish out of the next World Cup, let alone this one, they began with so much fire, pace and skill in attack. The reward was an early goal for Michel Platini, and Lacombe should have had a second, when led by Platini. Instead he missed his kick inches from goal.

Ireland took heart and started to come out of their defensive shell. Dominique Dropsy scrambled away a drive from Grealish, and Kevin Moran and Mick Robinson were only inches from reaching a Liam Brady cross in a bid to provide an equaliser.

In the second half French manager Michel Hidalgo replaced Lacombe with Jacques Zimako, and saw the switch pay off immediately. As the Irish were caught upfield Rocheteau sent a searching pass forward and Zimako scored the French second.

Ireland battled back but it was too late. Even when Dropsy did parry a shot to Ryan's feet, the forward only pushed the rebound against a post.

OCTOBER 29

Berne — World Cup European qual group 4
Switzerland 1 (Barberis 49)
Norway 2 (Hareide 5, Mathisen 79)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Krchnak (Cz).

Switzerland: Engel — Wehrli, Stohler, Ludi, Heinz Hermann — Barberis, Zappa (Elsener 46), Botteron — Marti, Schönenberger, Tanner.

Norway: Tom Jacobsen — Berntsen, Aas, Kordahl, Gröndalen — Albertsen, Hareide, Ottesen (Vinje 68) — Dokken (Mathisen 51), Pal Jacobsen, Thoresen.

The Swiss suffered a major setback. They had thought that this time they had the programme right, with an easy start to the World Cup campaign. Instead, despite a lively second half, they lost two vital points.

The Norwegians might have had more than one goal in the first half and, even if they owed their second to a huge blunder by goalkeeper Engel, they were just about worth their win.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP. — Group 2: Oct 11 (Amiens) France 3 (Stopyra 2, Anziani), Cyprus 1 (Vrachinis pen). **Group 4: Oct 14** (Ploesti, 10,000): Romania 4 (Terhes 3, Dyson own goal), England 0. **Group 6: Oct 15** (Copenhagen): Denmark 2, Sweden 1. **Group 7: Oct 29** (Rostock): E. Germany 0, Norway 4.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS. — Oct 7 (Kerkrade): Holland B 1 (Vermeulen 44), W. Germany B 2 (Allgöwer 8, Klotz 12). **Oct 8** (Brussels): Belgium 4, Eintracht Frankfurt 2. **Oct 9** (M'gladbach): W. Germany U21 0, Holland U21 0. **Oct 10** (Esch): Luxembourg U21 1 (Girres 37), Italy U21 3 (Selvaggi 7, 17, Musella 33). **Oct 13** (Freiburg): Freiburger FC 1 (Schulz 79), Switzerland U21 2 (Schär 53, 63). — (Man. Utd): England B 1 (Statham), United States 0. **Oct 15** (Palma): Spain B 0, E. Germany B 0. **Oct 27** (Altstätten): Vorarlberg 0, Switzerland U21 0. **Oct 29** (Prague): Czechoslovakia 3 (Vizek 39, Radimec 65, Panenka 78), MTK Budapest 0. — (Prague): Czechoslovakia U21 0, Russia U21 1. — (Bergamo): Italy U21 0, Spain U21 1 (Urbano 59).

WORLD CUP 1982
Qualifying Competition

Central and North American zone — Caribbean Group: Guyana 0, Surinam 1 (Sept 28). **Central American Group:** Panama 0, Costa Rica 0; Panama 0, Honduras 2 (Jul 30); El Salvador 4, Panama 1 (Oct 5); Costa Rica 2, Honduras 3 (Oct 1); Guatemala 0, Costa Rica 0 (Oct 12). **Northern Zone:** Canada 1, Mexico 1 (Oct 19).

Central American Group	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	2	2	–	–	7	2	4
Honduras	2	2	–	–	5	2	4
Guatemala	2	1	1	–	2	–	3
Costa Rica	3	–	2	1	3	4	2
Panama	5	–	1	4	3	12	1
Northern Group							
Canada	1	–	1	–	1	1	1
Mexico	1	–	1	–	1	1	1
United States	1	–	1	–	–	–	–
Caribbean Group							
Cuba	2	1	1	–	3	–	3
Surinam	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Guyana	1	–	–	1	–	1	–
West Indies Group							
Haiti	2	1	–	1	2	1	2
Trinidad-Tobago	2	1	–	1	1	2	2
Dutch West Indies	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

(Top two of Central American and Northern groups and winners of the other two groups go into six-team final round from which the top two qualify for the World Cup finals).

SOUTH AMERICA
SEPTEMBER 18

PARAGUAY (1) 2 Miño, Lopez)
BOLIVIA (1) 1 (Aguilar)

Paraguay: Fernandez, Escalante, Surian, Sosa, Torales, Lopez, Benitez, Miño, Parra, Delgado, Valinott.

Bolivia: Hoyos, Trigo, Gallardo, Vacca, Vargas, Aragones, Delgadillo, Camacho, Del Llano, Taborga, Aguillar. Referee — Carlos Maciel (Paraguay).

(2nd leg of Paz del Chaco Cup — no match played on August 28 as mentioned in previous issue — Paraguay won 3-2 on aggregate.)

SEPTEMBER 19

ARGENTINA (2) 2 (Valencia, Diaz)
CHILE (1) 2 (Vargas, Castec)

Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, L. Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Valencia, Gallego, Maradona, Santamaria, Luque (Tapia), Diaz.

Chile: Wirth, L. Rojas, Figueroa, Soto, Bigorra, Vargas, Bonvallet, Dubo, M. Rojas, Castec (Mondaca), Yañez. Referee — Claudio Busca (Argentina).

SEPTEMBER 25

PARAGUAY (1) 1 (Benitez)
BRAZIL (1) 2 (Ze Sergio, Reynaldo)

Paraguay: Fernandez, Solalinde, Surian, Torres, Torales, Benitez (sent off), Florentin (Miño), Osorio, P. Lopez, Michelagnoli (Isasi), Ortiz.

Brazil: Carlos, Getulio, Oscar (Juninho), Luisinho, Junior, Batista, Cerezo, Zico, Robertinho, Socrates (Reynaldo), Ze Sergio. Referee — Roberto Wirth (Brazil); Att: 25,000.

CHAMPIONS' CUP
First round, second legs (October 1)

Nantes 2 (Rampillon 46, E. Trossero 49)
Linfield 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Rolles (Lux).
Played Sept. 30.
Nantes 3-0 on agg

Nantes: Bertrand-Demanes — Bossis, Rio, Michel, Tusseau (Ayache 55) — Poullain, E. Trossero, Rampillon — Baronchelli, Toure, Amisse (Picot 83).

Linfield: Dunlop — Garrett, Rafferty, McKeown, Fraser — Hayes, Dornan, Parkes — McKee, McCurdy, Anderson.

Honved 1 (Dajka 38)
Sporting Lisbon 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Hunting (Eng).
Honved 3-0 on agg

Red Star Belgrade 4 (Djurovski 21, Janjanin 24, Petrovic 29, Stamenkovic 55)
Viking Stavanger 1 (Brekke 58)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Chrysanthu (Cyp).
Red Star 7-3 on agg

Un. Craiova 1 (Beldeanu 16)
Internazionale 1 (Muraro 6)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** Tokat (Turk).
Inter 3-1 on agg

Craiova: Lung — Negrila, Tilihoi, Ungureanu, Ticleanu, Georgau, Crisan, Balaci, Canataru, Beldeanu, Cirlu (Iirinescu 46).

Inter: Bordon — Canuti, G. Baresi, Pasinato (Caso 82), Mozzini, Bini, Marini, Prohaska, Altobelli (Beccalossi 70), Orialli, Muraro.

Szombierki Bytom 3 (Bys 17, Ogaza 81, Srodka 87 pen)
Trabzonspor 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe).
Szombierki 3-2 on agg

Banik Ostrava 1 (Vojacek 31)
IBV Vestmannaeyjar 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Sostaric (Yug).
Banik 2-1 on agg

Real Madrid 5 (Santillana 15, Juanito 31, 68, Cunningham 70, Pineda 83)
Limerick 1(Kennedy 43)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Marques (Port).
Madrid 7-2 on agg

Madrid: Garcia Remon — Isidro, Benito, Gallego, Camacho — Stielike, Angel, Garcia Hernandez (Navajas 46) — Juanito, Santillana (Pineda 72), Cunningham.

Limerick: Fitzpatrick — Nolan, Storan, O'Mahoney, Nodwell, Duggan, Hand, Walsh, Hulme (Morris 63), Kennedy, Matthews.

Moscow Spartak 4 (Pigat o.g. 11, Rodionov 24, Gavrilov 40, Yartsev 86)
Jeunesse d'Esch 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Jurja (Rom).
Spartak 9-0 on agg

Spartak: Dassayev (Prudnikov 46) — Kalashnikov, Mirzoyan, Khidiatulin, Romantsev, Shavlo, Yartsev, Samokhin, Gavrilov (Pozdnyakov 46), Cherenkov, Rodionov.

Jeunesse: Rok — Nosli, Pigat, Luchanini, Mond, Varbon, Caster, Di Pentina (Cadello 85), Tsvali, Schaetler, Simon.

Nottm Forest 0
CSKA Sofia 1 (Kerimov 34)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 25,818. **Ref:** Horstmann (WG).
CSKA 2-0 on agg (Holders eliminated).

Forest: Shilton — Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns (Lloyd), O'Neill, Bowyer, Birtles, Wallace, Robertson.

CSKA: Velinov — Zafirov, G. Dimitrov, Vassilev, Rangelov, Iliev, Yonchev, Kerimov, Djevizov, Markov, Velkov.

Bayern Munich 3 (Hoeness 2, Rummenigge 7, Janzon 68 pen)
Olympiakos 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 9,500. **Ref:** Valentine (Scot).
Bayern 7-2 on agg
Bayern: Muller — Weiner, Niedermayer, Augenthaler, Horsmann — Dremmler, Kraus, Durnberger (Janzon 46), Breitner — Rummenigge (Del Haye 46), Hoeness.
Olympiakos: Sarganis — Kyrastos, Novoselac, Papadopoulos, Kousoulakis — Xanthopoulos, Orfanos (Lemonis 77), Persias, Nikoloucis — Ahlstroem (Kalzas 71), Galakos.

Basel 4 (Tanner 14; Stohler 45 pen, von Wartburg 55, Geisser 81)
Brugge 1 (Ceulemans 4)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Franco Martinez (Sp).
Basel 5-1 on agg
Basel: Kung — Schleiffer, Stohler, Hasler, Geisser — von Wartburg, Maissen, Demarmels — Marti (Geisser 71), Tanner, Lauscher.
Brugge: Barth — Bastijns, Meeuws, Leekens, Maes, Balint (Van de Walle 18), De Bougnoux, Courant, Van Walleghem, (Kupiainen 74), Filipovic, Ceulemans.
(Brugge goalkeeper Barth was sent off in the 17th minute for an incident with the referee; substitute goalkeeper Van de Walle came on in place of Balint).

Esbjerg 3 (Iversen 9, Lauridsen 24, Nielsen 49)
Halmstad 2 (Johansson 31, Larsson 89)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 6,500. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel).
Esbjerg 3-2 on agg

Ajax Amsterdam 1 (Lerby 80 pen)
Dynamo Tirana 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,100. **Ref:** Farrell (Rep. Ire).
Ajax 3-0 on agg

FK Austria 0
Aberdeen 0
Att: 35,000. **Ref:** Azim-zade (R).
Aberdeen 1-0 on agg
FK Austria: Koncilia — R. Sara, Obermayer (Pfeifer), Baumeister, J. Sara, Cihanich, Daxbacher, Fürst, Gasselich, Schachner, Zore (Borgan).
Aberdeen: Leighton — Kennedy, Rougvie, Miller, Watson, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee, Scanlon, Bell, Garner.

Apoel Nicosia 2 (Hailis 29, Petrou 64)
Dynamo E Berlin 1 (Schnuphase 76)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Vlajic (Yug).
Dynamo Berlin 4-2 on agg

Liverpool 10 (Souness 5, 24, 52, McDermott 29, 83, Dalglish 41, Lee 53, R. Kennedy 65, Fairclough 68, 81)
OPs Oulu 1 (Armstrong 47)
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 21,013. **Ref:** Petersson (Ice).
Liverpool 11-2 on agg
Liverpool: Clemence — Neal, Cohen, Thompson, R. Kennedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Fairclough, McDermott, Souness.
Oulu: Rantanen — Lahtinen, Ahonen, Heikkainen, Kemppainen (Juntunen), Puotiniemi, Houtsonen, Hugh Smith, Jalasvaara (Matero), Armstrong, Himanka.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

First round, second legs (October 1)

Monaco 3 (Petit 7, 50, Barberis 21)
Valencia 3 (Morena 36, Kempes 74, Felman 77)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 6,666. **Ref:** White (Eng).
Valencia 5-3 on agg
Monaco: Ettori — Zorzetto, Perais, Courbis, Puel — Christophe, Petit, Barberis — Couriol (Valadier 76), V. Trossero, Emon.
Valencia: Sempere — Carrete, Arias, Tendillo, Botubot — Castellanos, Subirats (Sol 87), Kempes — Saura, Morena, Pablo (Felman 73).

Benfica 2 (Nene 17, Cesar 57)
Dynamo Zagreb 0
Ht: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Menegali (It).
Benfica 2-0 on agg

Haugar 2 (Nilsen 40, Kristophersen 70 pen)
Sion 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Jensen (Den).
Haugar 3-1 on agg
Haugar: Schiflo — Vikanes, Burnett, Sorensen, Solberg (Hestvik 59) — Straume, Foleide, Helmdal — Kristophersen, Nilsen, Osborne.
Sion: Pittier — Isoz, Geiger, Balet, Valentini — Karlen (Cernicky 46), Richard, Bregy — Saunier, Brigger, Luisier (Perrier 69).

Partizan Tirana 0
Malmö 0
Att: 30,000. **Ref:** Kuti (Hun).
Malmö 1-0 on agg

Politecnica Timisoara 1 (Paltinsan 81)
Celtic 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Lagoyannis (Gr).
Timisoara on away goals – 2-2 on agg
Timisoara: Moise — Nadu, Serbanoiu, Paltinsan, Sunda, Dumitru, Manea, Visan, Dembrovsky, Anghel, Nedelcu.
Celtic: Latchford — Sneddon, McAdam, McDonald, McGrain, Sullivan, Aitken, MacLeod, McGarvey, Nicholas, Provan.
(Three players sent off — McDonald and Manea for kicking each other in the 18th min; McGarvey for dissent in the 83rd).

Waterford 4 (Kirk 32, 80, Finucane 40, Fitzpatrick 42)
Hibernians Malta 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Hope (Sc).
Waterford 4-1 on agg

Sparta Praha 6 (Pospisil 25, Slany 42, Jarohm 49, 80, Berger 54, Horvath 68)
Spora Lux. 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Peschel (EG).
Sparta 12-0 on agg

Dynamo Tbilisi 2 (Shengelia 52, Gutsayev 81)
Kastoria 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Maksimenkov (Yug).
Tbilisi 2-0 on agg
Tbilisi: Gabelia — Mudzhiri, Chivadze, Khizanishvili, Tavadze, Daraselia, Kakilashvili, Sulakvelidze, Gutsayev, Kipiani (Khoridze 82), Shengelia (Chelevadze 65).
Kastoria: Ermidis — Aleksiadis, Kalaxidis, Voitsidis, Pergaminos, Paraskos, Dintskios, Papavasilich, Lellis, Babovic, Tsironis.

Legia Warsaw 1 (Okonski 50 pen)
Slavia Sofia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Foote (Sc).
Slavia 3-2 on agg

Austria-Salzburg 0
Fortuna D'dorf 3 (T. Allofs 43, Dusend 70, 88)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Barbaresco (It).
Fortuna 8-0 on agg
Salzburg: Berger — Roos, Winklbauer, Ollerer, Pirnus — Kronsteiner, Breitenberger, Lainer (Stadler 75), Schildt (Schultze 50) — Gross, Parlak.
Fortuna D'dorf: Daniel — Wekl, Zewe, Theis, Wirtz — Köhnen, Bommer, Wenzel — T. Allofs (Dusend 61), K. Allofs (Thiele 71), Seel.

West Ham 5 (Pike 19, Cross 30, 102, 119, Goddard 39)
Castilla 1 (Bernal 56)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** Played behind closed doors. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol).
West Ham 6-4 on agg
West Ham: Parkes — Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland (Brush), Goddard (Morgan), Cross, Brooking, Pike.
Castilla: Miguel — Chendo, Casimiro, Salguero, Espinosa, Sanchez Lorenzo, Balin, Alvarez, Paco (Ramirez), Bernal, Cidon (Blanco).

Feyenoord 4 (Vermeulen 27, Nielsen 55, Troost 70, Notten 80)
Ilves Tampere 2 (Prinen 44 pen, Wacklin 86)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Moffatt (Ire).
Feyenoord 7-3 on agg

Waterschei 4 (Janssen 17, Plessers 65 pen, Van Poucke 73, Grundel 77)
Omonia Nicosia 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Rion (Lux).
Waterschei 7-1 on agg

Fram Reykjavik 0
Hvidovre 2 (Ambrose 10, Hansen 50)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Lindboe (Nor).
Hvidovre 3-0 on agg

Crusaders 0
Newport 0
Att: 2,000. **Ref:** Grey (Eng).
Newport 4-0 on agg
Crusaders: McDonald, Currie, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, Thompson, Jess (Byrne), Fellowes, King, McPolin (Whiteside), Rice.
Newport: Plumley — Walden, Relish (Elsey), Bruton (Davies), Oakes, Tynan, Vaughan, Lowndes, Gwyther, Aldridge, Moore.

Carl Zeiss Jena 4 (Krause 26, Lindemann 38, Bielau 71, 87)
Roma 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Daina (Swz).
Jena 4-3 on agg
Jena: Grapenthin — Sengewald, Hoppe, Weise, Kurbjuweit, Schnuphase, Krause (Bielau 70), Lindemann, Raab, Toepfer (Trocha 70), Vogel.
Roma: Tancredi — Spinosi, Maggiora, Turone, Falcao, Romano, B. Conti (Scarnecchia 46), Di Bartolomei, Pruzzo, Ancelotti, Amenta (Rocca 61).

UEFA CUP

First round, second legs (October 1)

Saint-Etienne 7 (Rep 20, 43, 70, 84 pen, Lestage 31, Paganelli 74, Lopez 80)
Kuopio Palloseura 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 10,054. **Ref:** Navarro (Malta).
Saint-Etienne 14-0 on agg
Saint-Etienne: Castaneda — Battiston, Lestage, Lopez, Janvion — Elie, Larios, Platini (Colleu 70) — Rep, Roussey (Paganelli 46), Zimako.
Kuopio: Karhunen — Suhonen, Vepsalainen, Hyvarinen (Tukkanen 70), Pellikka — Ukkonen (Malmivuori 46), Samola, Koponen — Turonen, Rissanen, Parviainen.

Servette 2 (Cuccinotta 54, Bizzini 75)
Sochaux 1 (Genghini 16)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Richardson (Eng).
Sochaux 3-2 on agg
Servette: Milani — Valentini, Coutaz, Guyot, Bizzini — Zwygart, Schnyder, Dutoit — Sarrasin (Cacciapaglia 66), Cuccinotta, Matthey (Radi 39).
Sochaux: Rust — Bezaz, Rutty, Djaadaoui, Posca — Ivezic, Bonneway, Genghini — Durkalic (Stopyra 52), Anziani, P. Revelli.

Red Boys Differdange 0
AZ '67 Alkmaar 4 (Kist 15, 40 pen, 46, Welzl 55)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Bacou (F).
Alkmaar 10-0 on agg

Steaua Bucharest 1 (Radacanu 36)
Standard Liege 2 (Voordeckers 51, Edstroem 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Galler (Swz).
Standard 3-2 on agg

Aris Salonika 3 (Tsirmokos 4, Drambis 22, Zeleidis 65)
Ipswich 1 (Gates 75)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 27,000. **Ref:** Janguz (Pol).
Ipswich 6-4 on agg
Aris: Pantziaras — Mokalis, Chatziantonios, Michalistos, Venos, Kouis, Zeleidis, Balis, Tsirmokos, Drambis, Semertzidis.
Ipswich: Cooper — Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren (Beattie), Mariner, Brazil (McCall), Gates.

Radnicki Nis 4 (Mitosevic 8, Stoljkovic 25, 86, Panajotovic 36)
Linz ASK 1 (Siegl 57)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Vouraxis (Gr).
Radnicki 6-2 on agg

Napredak Krusevac 0
Dynamo Dresden 1 (Muller 84 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Tatar (Rom).
Dresden 2-0 on agg

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NASL CLUB

THE players listed with each club are only those who might be considered to have been regulars throughout the NASL season. Countries listed are the players current nationality. Where the name of a North American city is listed it refers to the NASL club in that city past or present.

ATLANTA CHIEFS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Lou Cioffi	G	USA	U. of Central Florida
Bill Mishalow	G	USA	Memphis, New England, Los Angeles
Bruce Savage	D	USA	Miami-Dade North Community College
Tony Whelan	D	England	Rochdale, Fort Lauderdale
Branko Radovic	D	Yugoslavia	Red Star Belgrade, Colorado
Stuart Lilley	D	South Africa	Highlands Park
Trevor Franklin	D	USA	Keene State
Brian Alderson	M	Scotland	Coventry, Leicester, New England
Carl Strong	M	USA	Madison University, Colorado
Webster Lichaba	M	South Africa	Orlando Pirates
Tommy Ord	M	England	Tulsa, Seattle, Vancouver
Louis Nanchoff	F	USA	Colorado
David Byrne	F	England	Hellenic
David Irving	F	England	Oldham, Fort Lauderdale
George Nanchoff	F	USA	Fort Lauderdale
Keith Furphy	F	England	Wealdstone, Detroit
Walker McCall	F	Scotland	St. Johnstone, Ayr, San Diego

Coaches: David Chadwick (England)

The weakest team in the NASL in 1980, the Chiefs will need a massive rebuilding programme before 1981 if they are to be at all competitive. Very few players on this team could make any of the other teams in the league on a regular basis. Coach Dan Wood was fired in mid-season and replaced by his assistant David Chadwick.

CALIFORNIA SURF

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Alan Mayer	G	USA	San Diego, Las Vegas
Steve Hellmich	G	USA	Santa Ana C.C.
Joe Clarke	D	USA	St. Louis
John Faulkner	D	England	Memphis, Leeds Utd., Luton Town
Paul Cahill	D	England	Coventry, Portsmouth
Andy McBride	D	England	Crystal Palace
Tony Crudo	D	USA	Tampa Bay
Johann Scharmann	M	Austria	Wacker Innsbruck, Detroit
Gerry Ingram	M	England	Blackpool, Preston, Chicago
Alan Kelly	M	USA	Los Angeles
Mark Lindsay	M	England	Tampa Bay, Houston
Jim Hinch	F	England	York City, Plymouth, Tranmere
Steve Moyers	F	USA	St. Louis
Laurie Abrahams	F	England	Charlton Athletic, New England
Craig Allen	F	Channel Is.	Gumsey Rangers

Coach: Peter Wall (England)

The Surf narrowly missed the Western Division title in the American Conference, then were eliminated by Fort Lauderdale in the play offs but only by a shoot out. Striker Laurie Abrahams finished sixth in league scoring with 17 goals and 15 assists.

CHICAGO STING

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Phil Parkes	G	England	Wolves, Vancouver
Ivan Miljkovic	D	Yugoslavia	
Greg Ryan	D	USA	New York, Tulsa
Derek Spalding	D	Scotland	Hibernian
Frantz Mathieu	D	Haiti	Violiet, Hamburg, Hamburg St. Pauli.
Rudy Glenn	D	USA	Indiana University
Tasso Koutsoukos	D	Canada	U. of Massachusetts
Bret Hall	D	USA	Wheaton College
Arno Steffenhagen	M	West Germany	Hamburger SV, Ajax, Hertha Berlin
Charlie Fajkus	M	USA	Indiana University
Ingo Peter	M	West Germany	Borussia Dortmund Wanne-Eickel
Dick Advocaat	M	Holland	VVV Venlo, Roda J.C.
Karl Heinz Granitza	F	West Germany	Hertha Berlin
Steve Long	F	USA	Wheaton College
Peter Ressel	F	Holland	Anderlecht, San Jose

Coach: Willie Roy (USA)

After an excellent regular season Chicago failed badly in the play offs being eliminated by San Diego in the first round. Goalkeeper Phil Parkes was a key figure in the Stings 21-11 record and the team also got strong performances from Arno Steffenhagen and Karl Heinz Granitza who finished second in league scoring to Giorgio Chinaglia with 19 goals and 26 assists.

DALLAS TORNADO

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Alex Stepney	G	England	Manchester United
Billy Phillips	G	USA	Adelphi University
Pedro Gano	D	Argentina	Quilmes
Peter Gruber	D	West Germany	Bayern Munich
Steve Pecher	D	USA	Florissant College
Gert Trinklein	D	West Germany	Eintract Frankfurt
Tony Bellinger	D	USA	
Chris Collins	D	USA	Oneonta State
Flemming Lund	M	Denmark	Fortuna Dusseldorf
Ede Woll	M	West Germany	Borussia Dortmend
Wolfgang Rausch	M	West Germany	Bayern Munich
Zequinha	F	Brazil	Botafogo, Sao Paulo
Klaus Toppmoller	F	West Germany	Kaiserslautern
Omar Gomez	F	Argentina	Quilmes
Mjego Pesa	F	USA	Ulster Community College

Coach: Al Miller (USA)

Coach Al Miller resigned during the play offs but continued to coach the team until they were eliminated by the Cosmos. In fact the Tornado shook the Cosmos for after New York had won the opener 3-2 in Dallas the Tornado came back to win 3-0 in New York. But New York turned it all around in the mini game to win 3-0 and take the series. Miller stuck with largely the same line up all year and consequently this was a team effort, however the club got a big boost from the play of young American Njego Pesa who scored 15 goals.

DETROIT EXPRESS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Jim Brown	G	Scotland	Chesterfield, Sheffield Utd.
Jim Hagen	D	N. Ireland	Coventry City
Eddie Colquhoun	D	Scotland	Sheffield Utd.
Sam Oates	D	England	Blackburn Rovers, Newcastle Utd.
Steve Seargeant	D	England	Everton
Jim Holton	D	Scotland	Manchester Utd., Coventry City

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Benny Dargle	D	USA	Cleveland Cobras
Ivano Belliore	D	Canada	Dunbar Stongs
David Bradford	M	England	Sheffield Utd., West Bromwich Albion
David McGill	M	Canada	Vancouver
Gary Bannister	F	England	Coventry City
Mark Hateley	F	England	Coventry City
Donato Nardiello	F	Wales	Coventry City
Patricio Margetic	F	Argentina	Atletico Temperly

Coach: Ken Furphy (England)

Somehow the Express found a way around the rule banning loan players in the NASL this season and as a result received a lot of help from Coventry City. The club naturally missed Trevor Francis and as a result were very ordinary. Money is a problem here and if the Express are to be a force in 1981 and keep the paying customers happy they will have to strengthen their team.

EDMONTON DRILLERS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Pertti Alaja	G	Finland	HJK Helsinki, Valkeakosken Haka
John Baretta	G	Canada	Indianapolis Daredevils
Joe Raduka	D	Yugoslavia	Red Star Belgrade
Ron Klinkenberg	D	Holland	F.C. Dordrecht
Dwight Lodeweges	D	Canada	Go Ahead Eagles
John Webb	D	England	MVV Maastricht, Chicago Sting
Peter Nogly	D	West Germany	Hamburger SV
Mike Sweeney	D	Canada	Simon Fraser University
Bernie James	D	USA	Seattle
Andre Oostrom	M	Holland	Utrecht, VVV Venlo
Klaus Heinlein	M	West Germany	SV Furth
Drew Ferguson	M	Canada	Vancouver
Edi Kirschner	F	West Germany	Bayern Munich, SV Furth
Ross Ongaro	F	Canada	Eastern Illinois University
Henk Ten Cate	F	Holland	Go Ahead Eagles
Hayden Knight	F	USA	Milwaukee Bavarians
Jan Goossens	F	Holland	NEC Nijmegen

Coach: Timo Liekoski (USA)

Peter Nogly the former Hamburger captain was a key factor in a very encouraging second season for the Drillers, supplying the drive as Edmonton won the Western Division title in the American Conference and coming close to eliminating the eventual finalists Fort Lauderdale. Former Bayern Munich player Edi Kirschner was 10th in the overall league scoring.

FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Jan Van Beveren	G	Holland	P.S.V. Eindhoven
Arsene August	D	Haiti	Racing, Tampa Bay
John Pet	D	Holland	DWS Amsterdam
Ken Fogarty	D	England	Stockport County
Tibor Gemeri	D	Canada	Toronto Serbian White Eagles
Roy Wiggemansen	D	South Africa	F.C. Twente, Arcadia Shepherds
Steve Ralbovsky	D	USA	Tulsa, Colorado, Chicago
Ray Hudson	M	England	Newcastle Utd.
Lex Schoenmaker	M	Holland	Edmonton, F.C. Den Haag
Francisco Marinho	M	Brazil	Botofogo, Fluminense, New York
Colin Fowles	M	USA	
Keith Weller	M	England	Spurs, Leicester, New England
Teofilo Cubillas	M	Peru	Alianza, Basle, Porto
Greg Villa	F	USA	Tulsa, Minnesota

New York Cosmos captain Georgio Chinaglia kisses the Soccer Bowl Trophy after his team had beaten Fort Lauderdale 3-0.

Jeff Caciatore	F	USA	S.I.U. Edwardsville
Gerd Muller	F	West Germany	Bayern Munich
Kees Waslander	F	Holland	Excelsior (Rotterdam)

Coach: Cor Van der Hart (Holland)

Conflict off the field was a problem all season long for the Strikers as some players found it difficult to get along with the Dutch coach. Still the team reached the final for the first time in their history and in the process Ray Hudson underlined the fact that he is one of the best midfielders in the league, while Teofilo Cubillas provided a lot of skill. Goalkeeper Jan Van Beveren also played exceptionally well behind a questionable defence.

HOUSTON HURRICANE

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Paul Hammond	G	England	Crystal Palace, Tampa Bay
Roland Sikinger	G	USA	Milwaukee Bavarians
Ian Anderson	D	Scotland	St. Johnstone, Tampa Bay
Santiago Formoso	D	USA	New York, Los Angeles
Gerd Zimmermann	D	West Germany	Fortuna Dusseldorf
Todd Hamilton	D	Canada	
Brian Budd	D	Canada	Toronto, Colorado, Vancouver
Werner Moors	D	West Germany	Arminia Bielefeld
Kai Haaskivi	M	Finland	JK Helsinki, Dallas
John Stremlau	M	USA	St. Louis, Dallas
Dale Russell	M	Bermuda	Philadelphia Textile
Juan Carlos Michia	M	Argentina	Quilmes
Horst Bertl	M	West Germany	Borussia Dortmund, Hanover
Peruci	F	Brazil	Atletico Espanol (Mexico)
Eduardo Marasco	F	Argentina	Kimberley, Santa Fe
Ruben Morales	F	Uruguay	
Nino Zec	F	Yugoslavia	OFK Belgrade, Tulsa, Atlanta

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Coach: Eckhard Karutzun (West Germany)

As the result of numerous injuries the Hurricane used a total of 30 players during the season and as a result were highly inconsistent. The team gave up 69 goals one of the highest goals against figures in the league and yet still made the play offs. There is some doubt as to whether this team will be playing in Houston in 1981.

LOS ANGELES AZTECS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Alfredo Anhielo	G	Argentina	Tampico, Banfield, San Lorenzo
Mihalj Keri	D	Yugoslavia	Red Star Belgrade
John McGrane	D	Canada	Simon Fraser University
Wim Suurbier	D	Holland	Ajax, Schalke, Metz
Frantz St Lot	D	USA	Memphis, Tampa Bay
Alan Merrick	M	England	West Bromwich Albion, Minnesota
Bobby Sibbald	M	England	Leeds Utd., York City, Southport
Dragan Simic	M	Yugoslavia	Burgos (Spain)
Chris Dangerfield	F	England	Wolves, Coventry, California
Javier Aguirre	F	Mexico	America
Poli Garcia	F	USA	
Leo Van Veen	F	Holland	F.C. Utrecht
Luis Fernando	F	Brazil	America de Rio Prato, Internacional
Gary Etherington	F	USA	New York

Coach: Rinus Michels (Holland)

The coaching skills of Rinus Michels were a major reason that the Aztecs did so well in 1980. Certainly there were other teams in the NASL with better personnel who did not fare as well. In addition the club discovered a first class striker in Brazilian Luis Fernando who got 28 goals in 28 games.

MEMPHIS ROGUES

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Bob Stetler	G	USA	Tampa Bay, Washington
Bobby Thomson	D	England	Wolves, Birmingham, Connecticut
Paul D'Agostino	D	Canada	Toronto
Mike Stankovic	D	Yugoslavia	Chicago Kickers
David Stride	D	England	Chelsea
Jorge Berrio	D	Argentina	
Tono Carbognani	M	Argentina	San Telmo, New York
Charlie Cooke	M	Scotland	Chelsea
Mike Stojsavljevic	M	USA	Milwaukee Serbians
Jimmy Husband	F	England	Everton, Luton Town
Paul Cannell	F	England	Newcastle Utd.
Tony Field	F	England	Sheffield Utd., Blackburn, New York
Paul Child	F	England	Aston Villa, San Jose
Danny Vaughn	F	USA	Detroit
Dave Hudson	F	Channel Is.	Arcadia Shepherds, California
Jado Hasanbegovic	F	USA	Sarajevo, Chicago

Coach: Charlie Cooke (Scotland)

The Rogues were a big improvement over 1979 but once again failed to make the play offs. This club won't be around to try again in 1981 as the franchise moves to Calgary where no doubt there will be a major overhaul of the personnel.

MINNESOTA KICKS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Tino Lettieri	G	Canada	Quebec Selects
Bjorn Nordqvist	D	Sweden	PSV Eindhoven, Goteborg
Steve Litt	D	England	Luton Town, Notts Forest
Stewart Jump	D	England	Stoke, Tampa, Houston
Tim Twellman	D	USA	S.I.U. Edwardsville
Tony Want	D	England	Spurs, Birmingham City
Gary Vogel	D	USA	Hartwick College
Mark Moran	M	USA	S.I.U. Edwardsville
Ace Ntsoelengoe	M	South Africa	Kaizer Chiefs
Tony Pesznecker	M	Canada	Midwestern State University
Willie Morgan	M	Scotland	Burnley, Manchester Utd., Bolton
Alan Willey	F	England	Middlesbrough
Ricardo Alonso	F	Argentina	Quilmes, Platense
Chico Hamilton	F	England	Aston Villa, Southend
Ron Futcher	F	England	Chester, Luton Town, Manchester City

Coach: Freddie Goodwin (England)

When the Kicks got off to a poor start coach Roy McCrohan was fired and President Freddie Goodwin took his place to turn the season around. However, Minnesota did not have the personnel to go very far especially with striker Alan Willey having an off season. The Kicks got steady performances from most of their squad and it led them into the play offs where they were quickly eliminated by Dallas.

NEW YORK COSMOS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Hubert Birkenmeier	G	West Germany	F.C. Freiburg, Tennis Borussia
Andranik Eskandarian	D	Iran	Taj
Bruce Wilson	D	Canada	Vancouver, Chicago
Carlos Alberto	D	Brazil	Santos
Wim Rijsbergen	D	Holland	Feyenoord
Jeff Durgan	D	USA	
Franz Beckenbauer	M	West Germany	Bayern Munich
Vladislav Bogicevic	M	Yugoslavia	Red Star Belgrade
Larry Hulcer	M	USA	Los Angeles
Johan Neeskens	M	Holland	Ajax, Barcelona
Angelo DiBernardo	M	USA	Los Angeles
Ricky Davis	M	USA	
Julio Cesar Romero	F	Paraguay	Sportivo Luqueno
Giorgio Chinaglia	F	USA	Lazio
Seninho	F	Portugal	Porto
Mark Liveric	F	USA	Washington, Edmonton
Roberto Cabanas	F	Paraguay	Cerro Porteno
Francois Van der Elst	F	Belgium	Anderlecht

Coach: Hennes Weisweiler (West Germany)

The story of the Cosmos this year was really the story of Giorgio Chinaglia who had a fabulous year. There was also less bickering off the field under Hennes Weisweiler who made the Cosmos into a team rather than a collection of individuals. However, they will find it hard to replace Beckenbauer who seemed to be able to tie all the loose ends together and make this highly expensive team work.

PHILADELPHIA FURY

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Bob Rigby	G	USA	New York, Los Angeles
Peter Amautoff	G	USA	Edmonton
Fran O'Brien	D	Eire	Dundalk
Stojan Nikolic	D	Yugoslavia	Radnicki, Tulsa
John Dempsey	D	England	Fulham, Chelsea
Radi Martinovic	D	Yugoslavia	Radnicki
Andy Lynch	D	Scotland	Celtic
Bobby Smith	D	USA	New York, San Diego
Dan Salvemini	D	USA	Univ. of California
Djoko Kokovic	M	Yugoslavia	Rad (Belgrade)
Robert Vosmaer	M	Holland	AZ-67 Alkmaar
Demetrios Kolovos	M	Greece	Kardhitsa
Tony Glavin	M	Scotland	Queens Park, Hamilton
Dave MacWilliams	F	USA	Tampa Bay
Andrew Parkinson	F	South Africa	Peterborough
Ossama Khalil	F	Egypt	Ismailia

DIRECTORY

Coach: Eddie Firmani (South Africa)

Another disasterous season for soccer in Philadelphia and try as he might Eddie Firmani could not make a winner out of a poor collection of players. Now the club has been sold and moves on to Montreal where there will no doubt be plenty of changes. Early indications are that Firmani will stay with the team but not neccessarily as the cocah.

PORTLAND TIMBERS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Mick Poole	G	England	Coventry, Rochdale, Denver
Jim Gorsek	G	USA	Portland Thunderbirds
Glenn Myernick	D	USA	Dallas
Bernie Fagan	D	England	Seattle, Los Angeles
Gary Collier	D	England	Bristol City
Graham Day	D	England	Bristol Rovers
Garry Ayre	D	Canada	Vancouver, New York
Willie Donachie	D	Scotland	Manchester City
John Bain	M	Scotland	Bristol City, Brentford
Jim Conway	M	Eire	Fulham, Manchester City
John Pratt	M	England	Spurs
Brian Gant	M	Canada	Vancouver
Dale Mitchell	F	Canada	Vancouver
Clyde Best	F	Bermuda	West Ham, Feyenoord, Tampa Bay
Stuart Lee	F	England	Bolton, Wrexham, Stockport
Willie Anderson	F	England	Manchester Utd., Aston Villa
Rob Rensenbrink	F	Holland	Anderlecht

Coach: Vic Crowe (Wales)

Don Megson was replaced as coach towards the end of the season by Vic Crowe and there was an immediate improvement. Attendances have been falling in Portland over the years, but a winning team would surely change all that. Resenbrink was a disappointment to many, but the Timbers have the nucleus of a good squad and as Crowe worked wonders here before the Timbers might be a team to keep an eye on in 1981.

ROCHESTER LANCERS

Palyer	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Enzo DiPede	G	Canada	Toronto Italia
Laszlo Harsanyi	D	Hungary	Ujpest Dosza, Rot Weiss Essen
Jim Pollihan	D	USA	Quincy College
Jim McLoughlin	D	Canada	Toronto Emerald
Dennis Mepham	D	USA	Bowling Green
Damir Sutevski	D	Canada	Toronto
Pablo Centrone	M		
Gene Strenicer	M	Canada	Toronto, Chicago
Pat Ercoli	M	Canada	Toronto Italia, Montreal Castors
Val Tuksa	M	Yugoslavia	Dinamo Zagreb
Ilija Ivkovic	M	Yugoslavia	Osijek
Dragoslav Yaha	M	Yugoslavia	
Mike Stojanovic	F	Canada	Radnicki Kragujevac, Toronto Serbians
Julio Baylon	F	Peru	Alianza, Fortuna Cologne
Branko Segota	F	Canada	
Fred Grgurev	F	USA	New York

Coach: Alex Perolli (Canada)

Former Cosmos coach Ray Klivecka started the season with the Lancers but like so many before him didn't last long. He was replaced by Alex Perolli who was born in Albania but is a naturalised Canadian. However, the club didn't respond despite having a number of experienced players and if the Lancers are to any better in 1981 there will have to be wholesale changes.

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Volkmar Gross	G	West Germany	Schalke, Hertha, Minnesota
Martin Donnelly	D	N. Ireland	Drogheda, Distillery
Terry Moore	D	Canada	Glentoran
Rodney Bush	D	South Africa	
Doc Lawson	D	USA	San Jose
Nick Rohmann	D	Luxembourg	Charleroi
Gert Wieczorkowski	D	West Germany	St. Pauli, Rot Weiss Essen
Jim Stamatis	M	USA	Penn State University
Leonardo Cuellar	M	Mexico	U.N.A.M.
Peter O'Sullivan	M	Wales	Manchester Utd., Brighton
Ty Keough	M	USA	St. Louis University
Julie Veee	M	USA	Lierse, Standard Liege, San Jose
Hugo Sanchez	F	Mexico	U.N.A.M.
Jean Willrich	F	West Germany	PSV Eindhoven, TuS Neundorf
Manu Sanon	F	Haiti	Beerschot, Don Bosco de Petionville
Jose Neto	F	Brazil	Atletico Mineiro, New Jersey

Coach: Ron Newman (England)

One of the NASL's longest serving coaches Hubert Vogelsinger became a coaching casualty here only to be replaced by Ron Newman who was with Fort Lauderdale last year. After a slow start the Sockers, under Newman almost provided the upset of the year by coming from third place in their division to reach the Soccer Bowl. In the process they eliminated highly favoured Tampa Bay only to be stopped in the American Conference final by Fort Lauderdale.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES

Player	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Chris Turner	G	Canada	Vancouver
Mike Hewitt	G	Scotland	Dundee, Tampa Bay
Ane Mihailovich	D	USA	Los Angeles, Washington
Mike Hunter	D	USA	Santa Clara University
Vasa Rutonjski	D	Yugoslavia	Vojvodina Novi Sad
Mike Czuczman	D	England	Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Stockport
Derek Evans	D	USA	Edmonton
Gaus Hiddink	M	Holland	Washington
Peter Lechermann	M	West Germany	Telstar, MSV Duisberg, San Diego
Andries Maseko	M	South Africa	Moreka Swallows, Washington
George Best	M	N. Ireland	Hibernian, Fulham, Fort Lauderdale
Steve David	F	Trinidad	California, Detroit, Miami
Jud Pavlovic	F	Yugoslavia	Radnicki Pirot
Slavko Licinar	F	Yugoslavia	Radnicki

Coach: Bill Foulkes (England)

San Jose's faithful and long suffering fans deserve something better than the second rate teams that this club has put together in recent years. Coach Bill Foulkes hired at the beginning of the season has been replaced by Jimmy Gabriel for 1981 and hopefully that will be a start. The Earthquakes used 34 players in 1980 and never had a settled team.

Concluded next month

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ARGENTINA: National Championship

Section A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Racing Club Cordoba	7	5	0	2	10	9	10
Velez Sarsfield	7	3	2	2	12	9	8
Racing Club	7	2	2	3	12	13	6
Rosario Central	7	2	2	3	4	5	6
Atletico Tucuman	7	2	2	3	7	8	6
Estudiantes La Plata	7	3	0	4	13	9	6
Gimnasia Jujuy	7	2	1	4	5	11	5

Section B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentinos Juniors	7	4	2	1	19	10	10
Union Santa Fe	7	4	0	3	10	10	8
Talleres Cordoba	7	3	1	3	15	8	7
San Martin Mendoza	7	2	3	2	8	13	7
Boca Juniors	7	3	1	3	12	12	7
Huracan	7	2	1	4	9	13	5
San Lorenzo M. del Plata	7	2	0	5	7	13	4

Section C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newell's Old Boys	7	5	2	0	12	3	12
FC Desta	7	4	2	1	7	2	10
Concepcion Tucuman	7	4	0	3	6	7	8
Independiente	7	3	1	3	8	4	7
Central Norte Salta	7	2	2	3	4	11	6
Quilmes	7	2	0	5	5	7	4
Chaco For Ever	7	2	0	5	7	14	4

Section D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate	7	4	1	2	12	7	9
Platense	7	3	3	1	8	5	9
Instituto Cordoba	7	2	4	1	9	7	8
San Lorenzo	7	4	0	3	9	7	8
Colon Santa Fe	7	4	0	3	8	9	8
Cipolletti Rio Negro	7	2	2	3	8	9	6
Indep. Rivadavia Mendoza	7	0	2	5	5	14	2

(Top two from each section qualify for quarter-finals after 14 games)

COLOMBIA
Professional "Closing" Championship
(Two matches to go)

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millionarios Bogota	19	8	8	3	36	31	24
America de Cali	19	8	8	3	27	20	24
Deportivo Cali	19	6	10	3	35	28	22
Pereira	19	5	6	6	31	35	16
Caldas	19	4	9	6	18	19	17
Quindio	19	2	9	8	15	27	13
At. Junior Barranquilla	19	2	6	11	11	20	10

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cucuta	19	9	7	3	31	21	25
Nacional Medellin	19	9	6	4	30	24	24
Tolima	19	8	8	3	25	16	24
Independiente Santa Fe	19	5	9	5	29	29	19
Medellin	19	6	6	7	20	21	18
Union Magdalena	19	5	6	8	17	23	16
Bucaramanga	19	2	8	9	17	26	12

CHILE: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universidad de Chile (1)	27	13	10	4	30	15	37
Cobreloa (1)	27	12	11	4	36	22	35
Concepcion	27	13	10	4	55	40	35
O'Higgins	27	13	7	7	45	25	33
Colo Colo (1)	27	11	9	7	57	35	32
Universidad Catolica	27	11	9	7	41	36	31
Union Espanola	27	10	10	7	38	29	30
Everton	27	10	9	8	43	36	29
Naval	27	10	9	8	32	31	29
Iquique (2)	27	7	12	8	31	38	28
Magallanes	27	8	12	7	23	27	28
Palestino	27	9	9	9	36	33	27
Audax Italiano	27	6	10	11	31	37	26
Aviacion	27	6	9	12	25	48	21
Coquimbo	27	4	13	10	36	38	21
Lota Schwager	27	6	8	13	29	42	20
Wanderers	27	4	9	14	24	41	17
Green Cross	27	4	6	17	22	48	14

PERU: Professional Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Cristal	26	15	9	2	46	21	39
Atletico Torino	26	11	10	5	42	27	32
Asoc. Deportiva Tarma	26	11	10	5	33	27	32
Alfonso Ugarte	26	11	8	7	40	29	30
Alianza Lima	26	9	10	7	33	23	28
Atletico Chalaco	26	8	11	7	32	29	27
Deportivo Municipal	26	10	7	9	42	41	27
Universitario	26	6	14	6	43	33	26
Juan Aurich	26	8	8	10	26	30	24
Deportivo Junin	26	5	7	11	30	36	23
Melgar	26	7	9	10	30	33	23
Sport Boys	26	7	9	10	30	34	23
Union Huaral	26	8	7	11	29	37	23
Coronel Bolognesi	26	6	9	11	22	26	21
Colegio Nac. Iquitos	26	5	11	10	24	43	21
Juventud La Palma	26	4	8	14	20	44	16

URUGUAY: First Division
(final standings)

1. Nacional 41 pts; 2. Wanderers 35; 3. Peñarol 32; 4. Bella Vista 31; 5. Defensor 30; Cerro 28; 7. Sud America, Danubio 26; 9. Progreso 24; 10. Fenix 22; 11. Miramar, River Plate 20; 13. Huracan Buceo 17; 14. Rentistas 12. (Played 26 games)

PARAGUAY: First Division
(2nd championship)

Section A — 1. Libertad and Guarani 9 pts; 3. Portuno 7; 4. Sol de America 5; 5. River Plate 2. Section B — 1. Sportive Luqueño and Nacional 9; 3. Olimpia 8; 4. Tembetary 6; 5. Rubio Nu 0.

BOLIVIA: Professional Championship

1. Jorge Wilstermann 35 pts; 2. The Strongest 32; 3. Petrolero 28; 4. Bolivar 26; 5. Blooming 23; 6. Municipal 21; 7. Oriente 19; 8. Guabira 18; 9. Real 17; 10. San Jose and Independiente Unifloeda 14; 12. Always Ready 13; 13. Aurora 12; 14. Stormers 8.

ECUADOR: Professional Championship
(after 13 games)

Division A 1. America 17 pts; 2. Nacional 16; 3. Barcelona 14; 4. Universidad Catolica, Tecnico Universitario, Everest and Liga Deportiva Universitaria 13; 6. Deportivo Quito and Liga Deportiva (Cuenca) 11; 10. Emelec 9. Division B — 1. Universidad de Portoviejo and Liga Deportiva Estudiantil 16 pts; 3. Deportivo Cuenca and Deportivo Queveda 14; 5. 9 de Octubre 13; 6. Ascas, Bonita Banana and Macara 12; 9. Audaz Octubrino 11; 10. Manta 10.

MEXICO: First Division

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America	3	2	1	0	8	1	5
Toluca	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Atlas	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Atletico Español	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Monterrey	3	0	2	1	4	6	2

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Puebla	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Naza	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Leon	3	1	1	1	2	5	3
Cruz Azul	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Univ. de Guadalajara	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zacatepec	3	2	0	1	7	7	4
Union Curtidores	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Univ. Auton. Guadalajara	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Atlante	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Atletico Potosino	3	0	1	2	0	2	1

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tampico	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Universidad de Leon	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Guadalajara	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Univ. Auton. Mexico	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Campesinos	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Star	10	6	3	1	22	8	15
NK Olimpia	10	4	6	0	10	4	14
Radnicki	10	4	4	2	11	7	12
Hajduk	10	4	3	3	14	11	11
Dynamo	10	3	5	2	11	9	11
Zeljeznicar	10	3	5	2	9	8	11
Sloboda	10	5	1	4	15	21	11
Rijeka	10	4	2	4	19	15	10
Napredak	10	3	4	3	12	12	10
Budutnost	10	2	6	2	9	10	10
Velez	10	3	3	4	13	13	9
Vojvodina	10	3	3	4	11	15	9
Partizan	10	2	4	4	12	11	8
OFK Beograd	10	2	4	4	10	12	8
Sarajevo	10	3	2	5	14	17	8
Vardar	10	2	4	4	11	14	8
Borac	10	3	2	5	9	13	8
NK Zagreb	10	3	1	6	12	24	7

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo	10	8	2	0	20	5	16
Corvinul	11	7	1	3	25	14	15
Tatran Brasov	10	6	3	1	12	8	15
Universit. Craiova	9	7	0	2	15	7	14
ASA	11	5	2	4	18	20	12
Chimia	11	5	2	4	15	19	12
Politeh. Timisoar	7	5	0	2	8	6	10
FC Arges	9	4	1	4	18	11	9
Politeh. Iasi	9	4	1	4	15	14	9
Jiul	11	4	1	6	16	17	9
Sportul Studentesc	11	4	1	6	14	15	9
Progresul	11	4	1	6	17	24	9
Bacau	10	4	1	5	14	21	9
Universit. Cluj	10	3	1	6	8	13	7
Baia Mare	11	3	1	7	13	28	7
OLT	10	2	2	6	7	16	6
Galati	10	2	1	7	9	20	5

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians	8	5	1	2	14	5	11
Dukla	7	4	3	0	12	4	11
Banik	8	5	1	2	13	8	11
Rada Hvezda/Cheb/	8	3	3	2	12	7	9
Lokomotiva	8	3	3	2	11	7	9
Sparta	8	3	3	2	10	6	9
Slovan	8	4	1	3	11	11	9
ZTS/Kosice/	8	2	3	3	8	9	7
Dukla/Banyska Bistrica/	8	3	1	4	11	14	7
Slavia	8	2	3	3	5	11	7
Tatran/	7	2	2	3	10	9	6
Zbrojovka	8	1	4	3	8	9	6
Spartak/Hradec Kralove/	8	3	0	5	9	14	6
Spartak/Trnava/	8	2	2	4	5	10	6
Plastika	8	2	2	4	10	16	6
Inter/Bratislava/	8	2	2	4	11	18	6

POLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widzew	10	6	4	0	17	5	16
GKS Szombierki	10	5	3	2	20	14	13
Baltyk	10	5	3	2	7	6	13
Motor	10	4	4	2	14	10	12
Ruch	10	5	2	3	16	14	12
Legia	10	4	3	3	13	9	11
Arka	10	3	5	2	13	10	11
Zawisza	10	6	1	4	11	12	11
Stal	10	5	0	5	16	17	10
Wisla	10	3	2	5	10	11	8
LKS Lodz	10	3	2	5	9	11	8
Slask	10	3	2	5	11	15	8
Odra Opole	10	2	3	5	8	11	7
Zaglebie S.	10	2	3	5	6	11	7
Garnik	10	2	3	5	4	11	7
Lech	10	1	4	5	5	13	6

DDR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carl Zeiss	8	7	0	1	23	10	14
Dynamo Berlin	8	6	1	1	25	6	13
1.FC Magdeburg	8	6	1	1	21	7	13
Dynamo Dresden	8	6	1	1	15	9	13
Vorwärts	8	3	3	2	18	13	9
Lokomotiv	8	4	1	3	15	10	9
Chemi Bolen	8	4	1	3	9	9	9
Hansa	8	2	4	2	9	9	8
Wismuth	8	2	2	4	7	16	8
Carl-Marx-Stadt	8	1	3	4	8	13	5
Rot-Weiß	8	2	1	5	10	21	5
Chemi Halle	8	2	0	6	13	19	4
Stahl	8	0	3	5	8	21	3
Sachsenring	8	0	1	7	6	24	1

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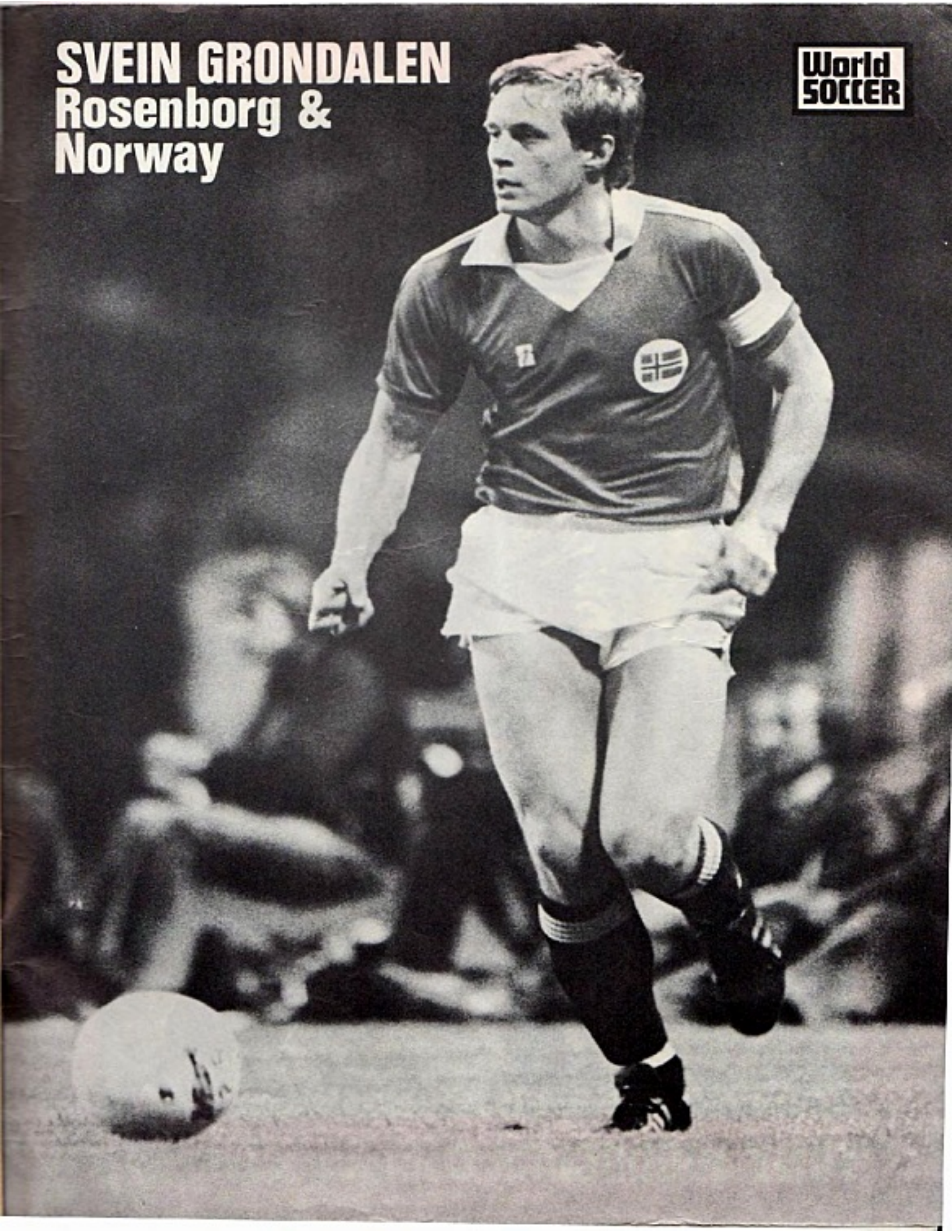

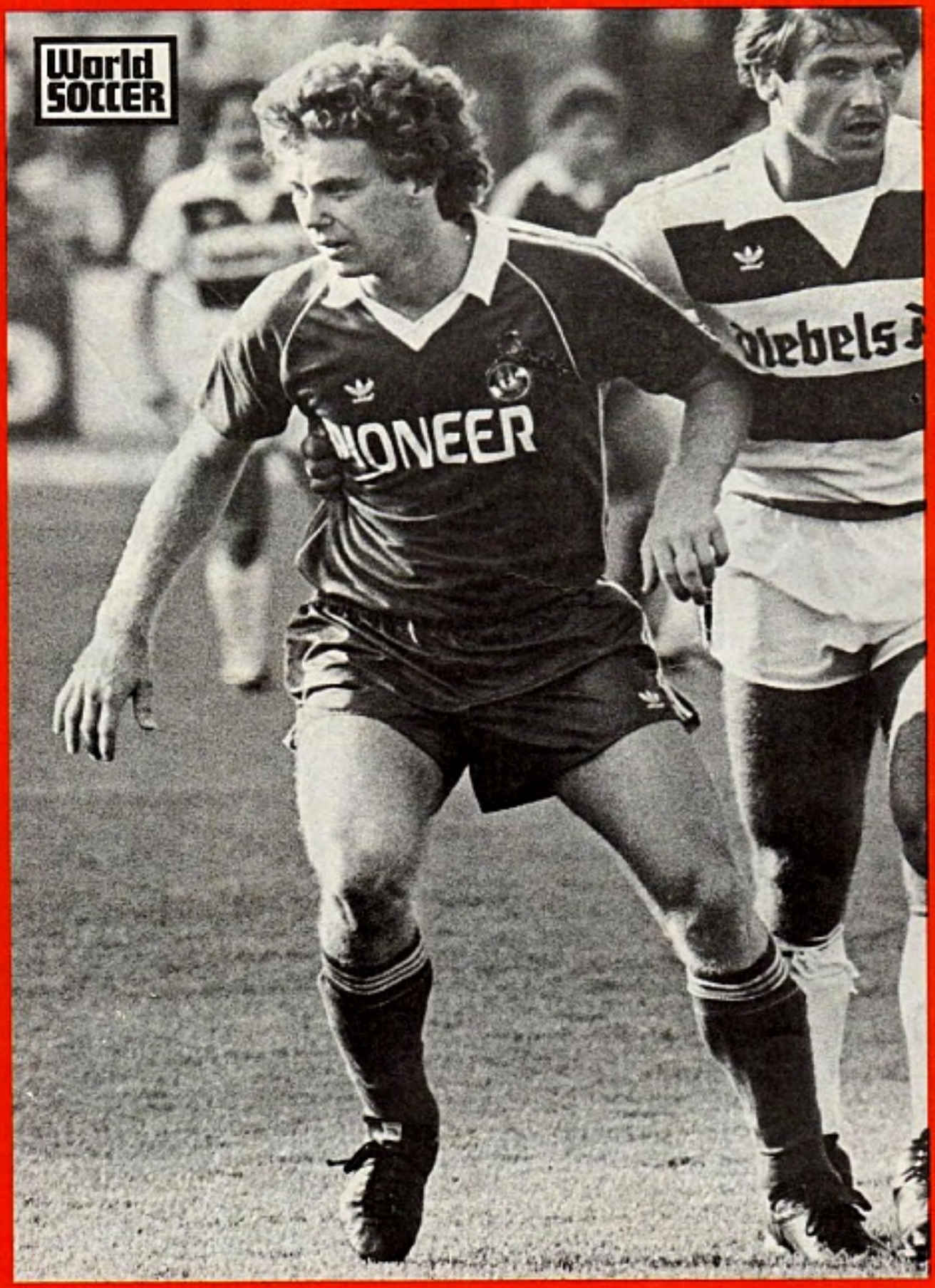

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